

# BABYDOLL

WINE OF NEW ZEALAND



## PINOT NOIR MARLBOROUGH 2018

It's the little things in life that count and it's the littlest sheep that help make Babydoll wines. Our sustainable collection of wines are pure and intense with plenty of character, just like the Babydoll sheep we named them after.

These tiny sheep keep our vineyards tidy year round because they're too small to reach the grapes. Using one of nature's mowers means our wines are better for the environment and taste better too. Celebrate life's little moments with Babydoll wines.



### TASTING NOTE

**Bouquet:** This Pinot Noir has aromas of boysenberries and red fruits with notes of mocha and spice.

**Palate:** Juicy red fruits, balanced with gentle tannins and a gloriously subtle toasty finish.

**Food Match:** Superb on its own or paired with duck or lamb

**Dietary Information:** Suitable for vegetarians, vegans and a gluten free diet.

**Cellaring Recommendation:** Enjoy now, or cellar up to 3 years.

### VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season in Marlborough started out warm and dry, resulting in even flowering and ultimately balanced vines with the right amount of crop to get them through to harvest. The warm weather continued through Spring and Summer, with periodic rains which kept the vines hydrated throughout the growing season. These warmer conditions also meant harvest started around two weeks earlier than the previous year. Our Babydoll Pinot Noir was harvested in excellent condition and the resulting wine is showing the wonderful characters that Marlborough is known for.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit was cold soaked for five days before being warmed and inoculated with selected yeasts to enhance varietal character. A fast, hot fermentation proceeded with regular hand plunging to craft a wine with elegance and balance. After primary fermentation was complete the parcels were gently pressed. The wine was aged in a variety of vessels with a portion going to a mixture of new and older French oak barrels to complete spring malolactic fermentation. After nine months of aging, the wine was blended, stabilised and filtered prior to bottling.

<b>Winemaker:</b>	Natalie Christensen		
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	19th March - 5th April 2018		
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Marlborough		
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.0%	<b>pH:</b>	3.68
<b>Residual sugar:</b>	1.5 g/l	<b>TA:</b>	4.96



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