



PYRAMID VALLEY

NEW ZEALAND

2018 NORTH CANTERBURY PINOT NOIR

Variety/Blend

100% Pinot Noir

Season Summary

The long warm summer meant that the grapes achieved perfect maturity levels at harvest. The long warm spells were intermittently interrupted by showers which provided much needed water for the vines. In the last two weeks of March the season gave us the typical Nor west wind which rapidly increased ripening, allowing us to start the harvest at the beginning of April.

Tasting Note

Bright appearance with a ruby red hue. Lifted floral nose with raspberry and cherry aromas, with an abundance of savoury/earthy complexity. The palate is vibrant with tension and length, showing a nice mixture of bright fruit/herbal elements and a savoury structure that North Canterbury is renowned for.

Viticulture

A blend of 4 vineyards through North Canterbury. Three Sisters Vineyard on Mackenzies Rd in Waipara is a mixture of clones planted between 2001-2004 on Rangitata gravels. The Damsteep Vineyard is located in the north east of Waipara Valley at the foot of the Omih Saddle. The Shed block is a mixture of clones planted in 1999 on Omih clay soils. Porters vineyard on Mackenzies Rd in Waipara, is a mixture of clones planted in 2004 on Domett Clay soils. Franks Block is a steep hillside block located on Highway 1 in Waipara, it is a mixture of clones planted in 2008 on Omih Clays.

Harvested 15/3/2018-23/3/2018

Winemaking

Hand-picked and fermented with natural vineyard yeasts in open top fermenters with 30% whole bunch. It was aged in French barrels, 20% new for 11 months before settling in stainless steel on light less for a further 4 months. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

1088 cases of 6 x 750ml produced

Chemical Analysis

Alcohol: 13% pH: 3.81

TA: 5.5 g/L SO₂: 28/60

Other additives: None

Suitable for Vegetarian/Vegan: Yes



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