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INSIGHT SERIES

KIWA BY ESCARPMENT 2014 SINGLE VINEYARD MARTINBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

Alcohol by volume: 13%

Total acid: 5.5g/l

pH: 3.54

Residual sugar: <1g/l

Total dry extract: 28.4 g/L

This wine was grown on the Cleland Vineyard
Cambridge Street, Martinborough from 27 year old
vines. A combination of deep alluvial gravels which the
Martinborough Terraces are renowned for and a blend of
Clones UCD 5, 6 and 13 always rewards us with savoury,
complex, spicy wine.

It was open topped fermented using indigenous yeasts in traditional wooden cuvees, hand plunged every 12 hours, with a total vat time of 21 days. After pressing it was matured in 30% new French oak barriques for 18 months. It was fined using a minimum of egg whites to protect the flavours and aid brightness in the glass without filtering, promoting soft mouth feel and texture. This is an outstanding example of classic Pinot Noir.

It will continue to develop for up to 10 years and will always be a wonderful counterpart to any game food.

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