



E **ESCARPMENT**
MARTINBOROUGH

**2019 ESCARPMENT
CHARDONNAY
92 POINTS**

Aged in 20% new oak, the barrel-fermented and aged 2019 Chardonnay reveals more mocha and nutty notes than the other whites from Escarpment, but it balances those with hints of white peach, melon and understated citrus. Medium to full-bodied, it's round and generous on the palate, plump without being heavy, with a lingering, mouthwatering finish.

**2019 ESCARPMENT
TE REHUA PINOT NOIR
92 POINTS**

The perfumed, floral 2019 Te Rehua Pinot Noir features scents of rose petals, red raspberries and tea leaves. Medium to full-bodied, it's wiry on the palate, with ample concentration and firm tannins, accentuated by bright acids. The finish ends up being taut and slightly astringent, in need of cellaring to reach its best.

**2019 ESCARPMENT
PINOT NOIR
90 POINTS**

Deep black cherry, plum and cola notes appear on the nose of Escarpment's 2019 Pinot Noir, a blend of several different sites around the village of Martinborough. Medium to full-bodied, plush and velvety, with a layered, richly textured finish, it's a solid offering that should drink well over the next decade.

**2019 ESCARPMENT
GRIS
91 POINTS**

Fuller-bodied than the Pinot Blanc, Escarpment's 2019 Gris explores barrel fermentation and aging with Pinot Gris. Hints of pencil shavings accent mild stone fruit and citrus on the nose, while the silky-textured, medium to full-bodied palate flows effortlessly into a long, harmonious finish.

**2020 ESCARPMENT
BLANC
90 POINTS**

The surprisingly creamy-textured, medium-bodied (it's labeled at 11.5% alcohol) 2020 Blanc is 100% Pinot Blanc, barrel fermented and aged for 11 months prior to bottling. Tangerine and lime define the fruit parameters, while the oak is measured and barely noticeable, outside of the textural influence. Smooth and silky, it's an easy-drinking white with plenty of appeal.

**2019 ESCARPMENT
NOIR
88 POINTS**

A soft, gently herbal Pinot Noir for current drinking, the 2019 Noir emphasizes black cherries and plums. It's medium-bodied, supple and generous, with ripe, understated tannins and a pleasantly velvety finish. Not that concentrated or complex, it's nevertheless an enjoyable wine for the near term.



**2019 ESCARPMENT
KUPE PINOT NOIR
95 POINTS**

The full-bodied, rich 2019 Kupe Pinot Noir is a lovely example of how size doesn't have to mean a loss of elegance. Bold black cherry and plum flavors combine with nuances of cola spice and mocha to yield ample complexity, while the palate is plush and velvety, seamlessly extending through a lingering finish. While delicious now, I expect it will drink well for more than a decade.