



# GLADSTONE VINEYARD

## 2019 Blairpatrick Single Vineyard Pinot Noir

### Tasting Notes:

Dark red, purple hue. Dark brooding nose of plum and cherry, smoky stalk tannins and toasty oak. The palate is opulent with good weight and texture. Fruit is balanced by chalky tannins and nice acidity.

### Wine Information:

Vineyard: Blairpatrick (Clones 114, 115, 667 & 777)

Region: Wairarapa, New Zealand

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 13.5%

### Winemaking/Production:

Blairpatrick is one of our unique vineyard sites that we manage due to the selection of Pinot Noir we have planted across the block. It has a bountiful palate of both Pommard and Dijon clones. Grapes are hand harvested and brought into the cellar to undergo semi-carbonic maceration in 2-tonne open top vats to allow ambient (natural) yeast to start fermentation. This approach allows for better integration of aromas, flavours and tannins with gentle, manual punch downs 3 times a day to get the desired extraction we are looking for. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is pressed off its skins into barrel for malolactic conversion and maturation for 15 months. 100% French oak barriques are used of which 25% is new oak.

### Winemaker's Notes:

*"Our Blairpatrick Vineyard is the smallest of the sites we manage. A warm, dry-grown vineyard site that is one of the first to be harvested each year. This vineyard produces fruit with immense concentration and flavour to create a wine that is a great expression of a sophisticated Pinot Noir with incredible depth of aromas from both the black fruits to the dark, earthy fruits as well as the beautiful savoury elements we love from Pinot. It is a low-yielding vineyard that shows the most promise for making world-class Pinot Noir" - Eddie McDougall*

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