



GLADSTONE VINEYARD

2019 Estate Pinot Noir

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Tasting Notes:

Red, purple hue. The nose has fragrant characters of blackberry and dark cherry with floral undertones. Beautifully balanced by savoury oak notes, and sage characters. The palate is refined and tight, with real texture. Fruits form early but the wine is carried by a lovely savoury tone and whole bunch structure and tannins.

Wine Information:

Vineyard: Cottier, Dakins Road & Blairpatrick
Region: Wairarapa, New Zealand
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol: 14.5%

Winemaking/Production:

The fruit was de-stemmed into 2-tonne fermentation tanks with about 70% of the fruit left as whole berries. As far as possible, all clones were vinified separately to allow each clone's unique characteristics to express themselves. We applied a cold soak period of 3-5 days followed by spontaneously started ferments. All batches received a post-soak of between 2-3 weeks with plunging done by hand to ensure a soft extraction of tannins. We then pressed off the batches and matured them in French oak barrels (15% new) for 10 months, each with its own balanced oak regime of barrel age and choice of coopers.

Winemaker's Notes:

"This is the staple wine in Gladstone Vineyard's portfolio. The estate range is the benchmark for the house style and is a blend from top-performing blocks and clones we grow.

Our mandate for this wine is to produce something that is genuinely reflective of the Wairarapa region; perfumed and savoury with fine tannins. The restraint on oak integration is a must to achieve the desired, transparent regional characteristics. There is no hiding behind a curtain of fancy winemaking tricks and new oak - just purity, liveliness, and sophistication." - Eddie McDougall

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