



THE FLYING WINEMAKER

2019 Pinot Noir

Tasting Notes:

Red, pale hue. The nose is bright and fresh with cherry and plum notes, smoky toast and dried herbs. The palate is dense with red fruits and cherry notes. Subtle oak gives weight to the mid-palate and the wine finishes with soft tannins.

Wine Information:

Vineyard: Cottier & Gladstone
Region: Wairarapa, New Zealand
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol: 14 %

Winemaking/Production:

The fruit is destemmed 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 give maximum expression of each clone's unique character. 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 (25% new) for 10 months, each with its own balanced oak regime of barrel age and choice of coopers.

Winemaker's Notes:

"This wine is curated from younger vine parcels that are varietally expressive and able to sing the right notes of Pinot Noir characteristics. We look for lots of dark plum and cherry notes, which aren't masked with oak, to show off dark and wildly fruity flavours that are plush on the palate with silky tannins.

Our key to the success of this range is simplicity and honesty. We're not trying to reinvent the wheel, we're sticking with what works to make this wine taste awesome." - Eddie McDougall

