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Winemaker's technical and tasting notes.

## 2020 MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

### Variety

100% Pinot Noir

### Vineyards

100% Marlborough

### Wine analysis

Alc – 13.5%

pH – 3.68

T.A – 5.2 g/L

R.S – <1 g/L

### Winemaking

The fruit for this wine was harvested and fermented in both open-top, and closed stainless steel fermenters. A small amount of whole bunch was used in some of the ferments to contribute florals and spice. The individual components were matured in mostly older French oak barrels, only 10% of these were new. The wine was left to evolve and mature for close to 18 months, before being blended, finished and bottled.

### Tasting Notes

Aromatics of red cherry, spiced strawberry, and raspberry couli mingle with delicate allspice notes and an earthy complexity to create a richly perfumed bouquet full of intrigue. The palate is vibrant, again with primary fruits and bramble, accentuated with a fine layer of cedary oak and a smooth tannin profile.

## 2019 CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR

### Variety

100% Pinot Noir

### Vineyards

Blend of Central Otago sub-regions

### Wine analysis

Alc – 13.0%

pH – 3.6

T.A – 6.1 g/L

R.S – <1 g/L

### Winemaking

The fruit for this wine was hand-picked and fermented predominately in open top fermenters. A small amount of whole bunch was used in some of the ferments to contribute florals and spice. Cap management was kept to a minimum in order to express the more ethereal nature of Pinot Noir. The individual components were matured in mostly older oak barrels. Once again so as not to overwhelm the delicate fruit expressions with gaudy new oak. The wine was left to evolve and mature for close to 18 months, before being blended, finished and bottled.

### Tasting Notes

The resulting wine is sophisticated and soothing drink, very comfortable in its own skin. It possesses a bouquet of bright red fruits, not quite ripe plums, violets and potpourri. The palate is equally gentle in its approach. Raspberry and strawberry notes give way to some earthy beetroot and savoury influences. The tannin profile is velvety and is supported by a delicate acidity with hints of five spice and nutmeg.

### Awards & Accolades

- 90 Points, Premium, Cameron Douglas Wine Reviews
- 4 Stars, Sam Kim Wine Reviews

## MERLOT CABERNET

### Variety

78.5% Merlot

21.5% Cab Sauvignon

### Vineyards

Omahu Gravels, Hawke's Bay

### Wine analysis

Alc – 13%

pH – 3.65

T.A – 5.0 g/L

R.S – Dry

### Vintage Summary

A good spring and a hot dry summer gave the vines a good start to the ripening season before some unsettled weather arrived in autumn. The free draining soils of the Omahu Gravels performed remarkably well in 2017. Merlot was picked ripe and early, and the thick-skinned Cabernet Sauvignon was able to sit through the rain events and was picked later in the season.

### Tasting Notes

Aromas of spiced plum and cassis with dried tobacco, mocha and smoky notes. A plush and generous palate where the red and black fruits are framed by fine integrated tannins.

### Awards & Accolades

- Silver Medal, China Wine & Spirits Awards 2019
- 88 Points & 4 Stars, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, 2019

**2017 HAWKE'S BAY**

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