



RESERVE SERIES

MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

2009

"This Marlborough Pinot Noir displays red berry and floral aromas that combine with flavours of cherry, spice and earthy undertones on a silky palate. Enjoyable in its youth and will continue to gain complexity with time."

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The 2009 Marlborough Pinot Noir is a blend of selected vineyards in the Awatere and Wairau valleys of Marlborough. The unique mesoclimates in these valleys and unwavering attention to detail consistently produce fruit of the highest quality. The 2009 vintage was characterised by moderate to low yields (1.4-3.0kg/vine) and a long dry harvest period allowing grapes to be harvested in good condition and at ideal flavour development and balance.

WINEMAKING

Parcels of grapes were hand harvested and cold soaked at 10°C for between five and ten days. Ferments were hand plunged, allowing gentle extraction of flavour and aroma compounds. Some batches were hot fermented to contribute density, structure and savoury complexity to the final wine, while others were fermented at lower temperatures to emphasise fruit characters, purity and elegance. The wines were pressed and run to barrique where they underwent malolactic fermentation in spring before being lightly egg white fined, minimally filtered and bottled in August 2010.

IDEAL DRINKING

This wine can be enjoyed now but will continue to develop complexity for five years from vintage date.

WINEMAKER'S MATCH

After a day of working in the garden I love nothing more than preparing a flavoursome beef Bourguignon combining mushrooms, baby onions, garlic, fresh herbs, red wine and stock and serving along side this juicy, fragrant Pinot Noir.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region: Marlborough	Variety: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol: 14.0%	pH: 3.55
Total acidity: 6.4 g/L	Residual sugar: Nil
Barcode: 9414416002069	

May contain traces of milk and/or egg products. Contains sulphites. Suitable for gluten free diets.

Winemaker Hugh Crichton



AWARDS & ACCOLADES:

4 Stars – Cuisine Magazine November 2011 (NZ)
4 Stars – Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines 2013

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