



RESERVE SERIES MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2010

“Beautifully fragrant red berry and floral aromas combine with flavours of cherry, spice and earthy undertones on a silky, finely textured palate. Enjoyable in its youth and will continue to gain complexity with time.”

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The 2010 Marlborough Pinot Noir is a blend of premium vineyards in the Awatere (2/3) and Wairau valleys (1/3) of Marlborough. The unique mesoclimates in these valleys and unwavering attention to detail consistently produce fruit of the highest quality. The classic 2010 vintage was characterised by low yields and a long, dry growing season and harvest period. This allowed the grapes to be picked in optimum 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 grapes were pressed and run to French barrique where they underwent malolactic fermentation in Spring before being lightly egg white fined, minimally filtered and bottled in August 2011.

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 alongside this juicy, fragrant Pinot Noir.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region: Marlborough	Variety: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol: 14.0%	pH: 3.54
Total acidity: 6.1g/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



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