



*“Te Kairanga”  
Where the soil is  
rich & the food  
is plentiful.*

## *2018 John Martin Pinot Noir*

*Established in 1984, our land was originally owned by the founding father of Martinborough, John Martin, in the late 1800s. The over 130 year-old cottage that still stands on our property serves as both an icon and hospitality centre for our winery. Our wines come from our sustainably farmed vineyards planted on ancient riverbeds. While the beating heart of Te Kairanga has always been Pinot Noir, small parcels of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Pinot Gris showcase the abundance of our region.*

### **MARTINBOROUGH**

Martinborough is at the southern end of New Zealand’s North Island. Roughly 90 minutes from Wellington, New Zealand’s capital, this tiny region accounts for less than 2% of the country’s total wine production.

Martinborough is protected from harsh elements by a range of mountains to the southwest and west creating a climate that is mild, breezy, dry and ideal for cool-climate grapes. Most of the premier vineyards are planted on stony terraces that provide exceptional drainage and high mineral content. More than half of Martinborough’s vineyards are planted to Pinot Noir.

### **VINEYARDS**

At Te Kairanga, we have vines planted at four vineyard sites in the Martinborough appellation. This diversity provides our winemaking team with a wide array of aromatics, flavours, textures and styles to work with. The Martinborough Terrace, considered one of the premier growing areas, is home to our Home and McLeod Vineyards. Once an ancient riverbed, it features deep gravel and alluvial soils and a mild climate. At slightly higher elevations with more extreme conditions are our Spring Rock and Rua vineyards. All of our properties are sustainably farmed.

### **WINEMAKING**

Under the direction of Chief Winemaker, John Kavanagh, our winemaking philosophy places a premium on the character of the site. The grapes are harvested block by block and vinified individually with punch-downs and gentle pressing to ensure full extraction without sacrificing elegance. Balanced oak treatment without fining or filtration help preserve both varietal character and the inimitable personality of the terroir.

<b>CLONES</b>	Abel (56.0%), 667 (18.3%), 5 (10.3%), 6 (6.5%), 777 (3.1%), 828 (2.2%), 115 (1.5%), 13 (1.1%), 10/5 (1.0%)
<b>REGION</b>	Martinborough, New Zealand
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13.5%
<b>AGEING</b>	12 months in French oak barriques (22% new)
<b>TA</b>	4.6 g/L
<b>PH</b>	3.62
<b>RS</b>	.30 g/L

### **TASTING**

The 2018 John Martin Pinot Noir offers an elegant bouquet of ripe fruits, exotic spices and finely seasoned oak. The palate is full and soft. We recommend serving with Coqu au vin.