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TE KAIRANGA

JOHN MARTIN PINOT NOIR 2022

Established in 1984, Te Kairanga is an important part of the Martinborough wine story. Our home vineyards are planted on land that was originally owned by the founding father of Martinborough, John Martin. While our land is steeped in history, our winemaking is very much focused on the future.

OUR VINEYARDS

Grapes for this wine are selected from our Todds, Home and McLeod Vineyards on the Martinborough Terrace, one of New Zealand's most coveted winegrowing sub-regions. Once a riverbed, it features deep ancient alluvial gravel soils. Our vineyards are sustainably farmed.

OUR WINEMAKING

Under the direction of Chief Winemaker, John Kavanagh, our winemaking philosophy places a premium on the character of each vineyard. Crafted from our best vineyard parcels, the fruit for John Martin Pinot Noir is derived from nine clones, including the famed Abel clone. It is hand-picked block by block, hand sorted and destemmed, with 13% whole bunches bringing intrigue and savoury notes. Fermented with wild yeast and hand plunged, the wine is aged for 11 months in the finest French oak barrels and blended. Unfined and unfiltered, our gentle winemaking ensures this wine captures the inimitable personality of the terrior and Te Kairanga.

VINTAGE 2022

A compact vintage due to unsettled weather. We saw budburst early in August along with the usual Spring frosts in Martinborough. An early glimpse of Summer resulted in favourable flowering temperatures and ripening for the remainder of the month. From February the rain set in, marking it as one of the wettest on record. A challenging harvest began in March and ended in April.

TASTING NOTE

A deep, rich Pinot Noir with a dark red fruit and exotic tea leaf perfume. The palate is beautiful, elegant and seamless with concentration, structure, very fine tannins and a balanced acidity. Enjoy now or cellar for a further 10 years. Best paired with slow cooked wild duck & mushrooms to highlight those classic Martinborough savoury notes.

CLONES	Abel (80%) 6 (12%) 5 (4%) 667 (4%)
REGION	Martinborough, New Zealand
ALCOHOL	13%
AGING	10 months in French oak (20% new)
TA	5.40 g/L
PH	3.68
RS	0.17 g/L

