

Novum



Vineyard

The fruit for this wine was grown in the highly regarded Southern Valleys subregion of Marlborough.

The heavy clay loam soils (which bring a richness to the final wine), together with the higher daytime temperatures that occur in the narrow valleys of this area, make it the perfect environment in which to grow high-quality Pinot Noir grapes.

The fruit for this wine was harvested exclusively from our flagship Quarters Vineyard in the Brancott Valley. It has all of the hallmarks of a truly great Pinot Noir vineyard: 30-plus-year-old, close-planted vines, producing small bunches of concentrated fruit.

This vineyard is managed organically, with much emphasis placed on vine and soil health. We encourage the roots to grow deeper into the soil, utilising the minerals and water available from the lower soil horizons. We believe this brings a sense of place to the wines. In other words, after 30 years the fruit should taste like a Quarters Vineyard Pinot Noir, not a Marlborough Pinot Noir.

Growing Season

A wet and warm spring produced an optimum start to the 2021 season for our Pinot Noir vines. A hot, dry summer followed, with Quarters Vineyard producing noticeably smaller, but concentrated bunches. Towards the end of the season the vines struggled to maintain moisture levels in the clay soils, but the result on harvest was ideal, with intensely flavoured berries. 2021 was a classic Marlborough vintage.

Winemaking

Hand-harvested. Once de-stemmed into open-top fermenters the grapes sit on skins (about 5 days) prior to starting off a wild yeast fermentation, then pumped over 2–3 times a day during active ferment. After 35-plus days on skins the wine is pressed, raked and transferred to French oak barriques (30% new oak).

The wine is aged in barrel for 12 months with the final wine being blended in April. Bottled May 2022.

Tasting Note

A wine showing a strong sense of place. A fragrant mix of black plums, boysenberries and dark cherries. A full-flavoured palate with dark fruit richness. Finely structured with great length.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.65
Residual Sugar	<1g/L
Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Cellar	6–9 years
Winemaker	William Hoare

