

BLUE EARTH ESTATE PINOT NOIR

• 2019 •

Wine From Martinborough, Aotearoa New Zealand

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of ripe dark berry fruits dominate the nose with hints of spice and mocha notes in the background add complexity. Rich yet soft tannins form the backbone of this succulent and vibrant Pinot Noir.

Spice flavours come through on the mid palate along with ripe dark cherry flavours and underlying savoury notes. This is a superbly balanced, elegant and weighted Pinot capable of ageing for up to ten years.

THE VINEYARD

This family owned and operated vineyard is on an old river terrace at the south end of Te Muna Valley. The stony soils with an underlay of limestone, a gentle north facing slope and exposure to westerly winds produce low volume crops of high intensity.

VINIFICATION

All fruit was carefully hand-picked over two vineyard passes. In the winery we destemmed all fruit and fermented in 3T open top tanks. The wine spent between 21 and 23 days on skins including punching down by hand once a day, before being pressed to French oak barrels. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel and remained on its lees for ten months before racking, blending and bottling.

Indigenous yeasts are used which add to the wine's complexity in addition to traditional methods of punching down the ferments by hand.

THE SEASON

A season of two halves. Spring was wet and cool with much of the region suffering some damage from a late frost on the morning of 19th October. The rains came in late November and right through to Xmas making it one of our wettest Springs on record.

From January onwards the classic Wairarapa summer kicked in with long warm cloudless days being the norm. Lots of sunshine plus plenty of soil moisture gave us lots of vineyard canopy growth to deal with right through the second half of the season.

One of our earliest harvest starts with picking commencing on 31st March.

On average crop levels were down but concentration up with the wines looking structured, rich with lovely depth of flavour.

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INFORMATION

REGION: Martinborough

OAK MATURATION: 10 Month in French Oak – 18% new

VINEYARD BLOCK: 950 White Rock Rd

CLONE: Abel/ 115/ 5/ 114

HARVEST DATE: 31st and 7th April 2019

HARVEST ANALYSIS: 23.53 – 24.1 Brix 3.38 – 3.43 pH 6.10 – 6.80 g/L TA

BOTTLING DATE: 4th March 2020

WINE ANALYSIS: 3.55 pH 5.50 g/L TA 14.0% Alc
RS – Dry

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