

## Borthwick Vineyard

### 2017 Paper Road Pinot Noir

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**Region:** Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand

*Original survey documents describe a road which was to run through the Estate family vineyard. Happily the Paper Road was never formed, and instead, gives its name to this individual range of wines*

**Analysis:**

Alcohol: 12.8%

Total acid: 4.8g/l

pH: 3.62

Residual sugar: Dry

**Tasting notes:** This is about the purity of Pinot Noir with spicy savoury and bright, juicy red fruits. It is medium-bodied with soft velvety tannins, a mix of tart and sweet cherry fruit with a chocolate touch to the lightly oaked finish and a spicy zestiness to the lingering aftertaste.

**Vintage Conditions:** 2017 displayed a beautiful spring followed by a cool summer. Above average Growing Degree days allowed the fruit to develop great flavours with good acids and produced ripe flavours across the range of wines from the home vineyard at harvest time. A year that showed the exacting vineyard management qualities and decisional capabilities of an experienced and valued team from our vineyard.

**Viticulture:** Diurnal temperature fluctuations, low rainfall, low humidity and fantastic deep free draining soils combine to create an exceptional environment for Pinot Noir. Harvested from 3 vineyards allows selection of the best batches to consistently produce pure Pinot Noir.

**Fermentation:** Temperature controlled fermentation using only natural yeasts, combined with hand plunging to optimize the fruit and tannin balance. Following extended post-ferment maceration on skins the wine was drained and pressed to barrel. Rigorous barrel selection and blending is followed by minimal fining and filtration prior to bottling.

**Oak Handling:** 100% French oak aged for 8 months with a mixture of selected cooperages of which 15% of the barrels are new.

**History:** Established in 1996 the family owned and managed vineyard produces wine with flavours that are a direct reflection of the Gladstone region. Ancient stony, alluvial soils and a cool climate allows the grapes to grow in harmony in their environment. Sustainable practices and minimal intervention in the vineyard and winery allow our wines to display their distinctive single vineyard characteristics.

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