

Paddy Borthwick Pinot Noir.



Region: Gladstone, Wairarapa

Vintner: Paddy Borthwick

History: Established in 1996 the family owned and managed Borthwick Vineyard perfectly captures the special region of Gladstone, New Zealand. The purpose built winery was finished in 2003 to process and mature the wines. Sustainably practices and minimal intervention in the vineyard and winery gives our wines their distinctive single vineyard characteristics and flavor.

Vineyard Location: Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand. 280 feet asl. The vines are orientated North-South to maximize sun exposure and even ripening. Climatic factors of low rainfall, (rain shadow) low humidity due to NW winds and a long ripening season during autumn (allowing the grapes to fully mature) with fantastic diurnal temperature range.

Soil Type: Free draining wind blown loess amongst silt loam 25 yards deep on an ancient river bed.

Age of vines: 5 to 15 years old. Mix of grafted and ungrafted vines with clones, 5,115, 777,667,113,114,12,375, and Able.

Oak Handling: French oak with 35% new 30% 1 year old and 35% 2 year old. 12 months in barrel.

Analysis: Alcohol:13.9% PH:3.52 TA:5.6gms/l Residual Sugar: Dry

Fining and filtration: Egg white fined and X-Flow filtered.

Fermentation: Hand plunged and fermented in open top fermenters. Temperature controlled fermentation with a variety of yeasts, both natural and cultured, combined with strategic hand plunging to optimize the fruit and tannin balance. Following extended post ferment maceration on skins the wine was drained and pressed to barrel. Selective barrel blending followed by minimal fining and filtration and bottled in May 2011.

Tasting notes: Light ruby-red colour with pale purple hues, youthful in appearance, this has a softly fresh nose of vibrant dark cherry and raspberry fruit aromas, quite primary in expression. There are notes of violetty florals and some red liquorice showing adding to the depth and concentration of the aromatics. Elegant and medium-weighted on palate, this has softly expressed, but bright, primary fruit flavours, underpinned by subtle and supple tannin extraction. The acidity is well-balanced and provides freshness. Soft raspberry liqueur notes are sustained on the finish.