



## 2018 Left Hand Pinot Noir

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



**Tasting notes:** Bouquet of raspberry, blackberry, cherries and cedar. A core of berry fruit, and bramble, is accompanied by tobacco, liquorish and seasoned oak notes with hints of smoke and vanilla. This complements a focused palate with integrated fruit tannins and good length.

**Vintage Conditions:** 2018 was one of our earliest harvests. Beautifully hot in November, December and January and a following cool February, March allowed the grapes to ripen slowly with great flavours and aromatics. A year that showed the exacting vineyard management qualities and decisional capabilities of an experienced and valued team from our vineyard.

**Viticulture:** We have ten hectares of Pinot noir planted in 8 different clones. Vines are planted in differing areas of the vineyard to maximise the array of flavours available to us during blending. A clonal selection of 777 and 667 make up this blend.

**Winemaking:** 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 11 months with a mixture of selected cooperages of which 40% of the barrels are new.

**Analysis:**

Alcohol: 13.9%

Total acid: 5.3g/l

pH: 3.59

**Right Hand:** The Left and Right Hand Pinot Noirs represent the different personalities of our winemaking team in both vineyard and winery. Left-Handed winemaker Briony Carnachan (logical, creative and precise) and right handed Vigneron Paddy Borthwick (intuitive, impulsive and thoughtful) have each selected a premium parcel of grapes they believe to be the finest expression of the Borthwick Estate Vineyard. Applying their own individual winemaking nuances, with much tasting, lively debate, and careful barrel selection Briony and Paddy have produced two distinct wines of 1730 bottles each. Produced in only the best seasons, these wines display expressions of Pinot Noir as much as the winemakers themselves.