



2019 Right Hand Pinot Noir

Region: Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand

Tasting notes: Traditional Burgundian techniques and minimal handling has produced a Pinot Noir with an intense bouquet of cherries and plums. Flavours of earth and spice complement a rich silky palate with a purity of fruit and finely integrated tannin structure.

Vintage Conditions: 2019 harvest was excellent due to the weather conditions giving the team the ability to pick the grapes at full maturity. Higher rainfall in October, November and December produced good canopies with a following warm dry February, March and April allowing the grapes to ripen slowly developing great flavours and aromatics.

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 Abel, 828 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: 14.9%

Total acid: 5.9g/l

pH: 3.65

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.

