



THE ELDER PINOT NOIR 2014



REGION	Martinborough
WINEMAKER	Paul Mason
VINEYARD NAME	Hanson Vineyard
CLONES	5, 115, Abel, 667 and 114
HARVEST DATE	6th April 2014
HARVEST ANALYSIS	pH: 3.54 - TA: 7.04 - Brix: 24
OAK MATURATION	18% New Oak, 35% 1 year oak, 47% 2-3 year oak
WINE ANALYSIS	pH: 3.58, TA: 5.20, Alc: 14.0%
BOTTLING DATE	17th March 2015

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Pinot Noir presents a wonderfully aromatic mix of dark red fruits including cherries and plums. Hints of spice, floral and savoury undertones make for a complex yet approachable wine. On the palate the velvety tannin structure balances beautifully against a body of red fruit flavours. The low cropped vineyards deliver a wine showing weight, richness and depth that is beautifully ingrained with a fine balance of acidity and red fruit characters on the palate.

THE SEASON

The 2014 growing season featured a mild winter, warm spring and sunny December. The consistent warm weather coupled with very few cold nights meant spring frosts were uncommon. The favourable conditions lasted right through summer and into early autumn. One of our earliest harvests on record - our Pinot was picked in the first week of April thankfully before the rains arrived. Backing up from the superb 2013 vintage, the 2014 wines will go down as back-to-back great vintages for Martinborough.

THE CELLAR

The fruit was carefully hand harvested and sorted in the vineyard and winery before being destemmed and tipped into 5T open top tanks for fermentation. The wine underwent a pre-ferment maceration for five days and spent a total of 24 days 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 the traditional methods of punching down the ferments by hand.

THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is located on an elevated river terrace at the southern end of the Te Muna Valley, at the confluence of the Ruakokopatuna and Huangarua Rivers. The grapes are grown following organic principles in the most sustainable manner possible, with minimal use of irrigation.

Wine from Martinborough, New Zealand

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