



THE ELDER PINOT NOIR 2015



REGION - Martinborough
WINEMAKER - Paul Mason
VINEYARD NAME - Hanson Vineyard
CLONES – Abel, UCD 5, Dijon 114, 115 & 667
HARVEST DATE – 15th April 2015
HARVEST ANALYSIS - Brix: 23.3, pH: 3.40, TA: 7.35 g/L
OAK MATURATION - 10 months in French oak, 15% new
WINE ANALYSIS - pH: 3.58, TA: 5.8 g/L Alc: 13.5%
BOTTLING DATE – 11th March 2016

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of ripe dark red cherries and berry fruit abound on the nose with smoky, savoury notes floating in the background. A hint of floral perfume adds intrigue and complexity. On the palate the wine shows layers of red fruit and notes of spice with fine chalky tannins forming the backbone of this rich and succulent Pinot. This is a superbly balanced, elegant and weighted Pinot Noir, capable of ageing for up to ten years.

THE SEASON

2015 was one of our smaller harvests in recent years. The early part of the season was cool and very windy, leading to early summer vine stress. This combined with mixed flowering conditions, and vines produced a very low fruit set. After Christmas the weather turned and we experienced one of the drier and warmer summers, leading right through until after vintage. The harvest was small but the grapes were picked in near perfect condition and their flavours and concentration have resulted in an excellent vintage.

THE CELLAR

All fruit was carefully hand harvested and sorted in the vineyard and winery before being destemmed and tipped into 5T open top tanks. We rely upon indigenous yeasts to start the fermentation, which, in addition to traditional methods of punching down the ferments by hand up to three times a day, add to the wine's complexity. The wine spent a total of 23 days on skins, 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.

THE VINEYARD

Our 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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