

Netherwood Pinot Noir 2015

Estate
Black

Deep ruby red hue. Aromas of vibrant red cherry, raspberry, damson jam, and hints of fertile earth. Flavours of silken red fruit, with structured mid palate tannin from fruit and mature stems. Strong and persistent flavour length carrying fruit, fine complex tannin and gentle calcareous minerality. From an iconic site. Drink now until 2026.

Vineyard

Planted in 1986 by Daniel Shcuster and Russell Black, at a vine density of 5000 vines per hectare . The soils are classified as Waipara Greensand which is a green grey richly glauconitic sandstone. Pinot Noir cuttings were planted on their own roots and established and farmed without irrigation. Organic and biodynamic farming practices have been used since 2012. The Netherwood Vineyard will be fully certified organic with BioGro in March 2017.

Season

A mild and quite dry winter lead into a long cool spring. Vineyards were slow to spring to life as soil temperatures remained low and sunshine was scarce. Around the middle of December the summer switch was flicked and days became warm and dry. Vine leaves moved from pale to dark green as they soaked up the summer rays ripening the small clusters as they moved from inflorescences to grapes. Although flowering was a little later than usual, progress was made, and by harvest disease free grapes contained juice with early season freshness and late season richness.

Harvest

Hand harvested on March 24, April 8 and 9 2015

Harvest 3.5 Ton

Yield = 550g/vine

Brix 21.9

TA 7.2g/ L

pH 3.38

MA 1.6g/L

Fermentation and maturation

100% whole cluster. Yeast for fermentation was propagated from a vineyard starter. Fermentation lasted 10 to 12 days with hand or foot plunging one to 2 times per day at the end of fermentation. Pressed after 28 days and drained to tight grained French, 3 to 10 year old barrels. Malo-lactic fermentation was completed in spring. 12 months barrel maturation, then racked to stainless steel tank where the wine settled for 5 months. Bottled without fining or filtration. Contains sulphites.

Bottled

289 (12 x 750ml) cases bottled in one lot under screw cap on November 24 2015.

R. S. 0.28 g/L TA 6.2 g/L pH 3.44 Dry
extract 28g/L Alcohol 12.0%