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LAWSON'S DRY HILLS PINOT NOIR 2019

Lawson's Dry Hills Pinot Noir is produced from carefully nurtured vines at Chaytors Road and Waihopai vineyards where the combination of clones, climate and soils produce something special. Small batch fermentation, hand-plunging and ageing in French oak has helped to produce an expressive wine with intense berry fruit, lovely texture, great concentration and fine tannins.

Grape: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard & Vinification Note:

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Vineyard and viticulture: This wine comes from three fantastic vineyards in Marlborough's Southern Valleys. The vines were carefully tended to ensure low crops and open canopies. The weather played its part to produce some of the best pinot noir fruit we have seen in many years. Picked over a two-week period in mid-March the bunches were at optimal ripeness, in perfect condition and with lovely flavours and great concentration.

Winemaking: The grapes were gently crushed into small, open top fermenters and held cold for five days. The vats were then inoculated with a specially selected, cultured yeast. During fermentation the wine was hand plunged three times a day to gently extract colour, tannin and flavour from the skins. The resulting wines were left on skins for around seven days post ferment before pressing to predominantly old French Oak barriques (5% new). The wine was blended after ten months maturation in barrel.

Cellaring: Drinking well now and will be delicious for three to five years

Tasting Note: This wine is distinctly varietal showing ripe, fresh red fruit characters matched with appealing, slight savoury French oak aromatics. The palate is bright and vibrant with a fleshy midpalate and lovely length. Vegan friendly.

Food Pairing: Hot ham, pork, chicken, light red meat dishes, grilled dishes, seared tuna, stews and casseroles, pizza and pasta.



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