



THE ELDER PINOT NOIR 2013



REGION	Martinborough
WINEMAKER	Paul Mason
VINEYARD NAME	Hanson Vineyard
CLONES	5, 115, Abel, 667 and 114
HARVEST DATE	15th April 2013
HARVEST ANALYSIS	pH: 3.56 - TA: 7.72 - Brix: 22.6
OAK MATURATION	20% New Oak, 34% 1 year oak, 46% 2-3 year oak
WINE ANALYSIS	pH: 3.65, TA: 6.20, Alc: 14.0%
BOTTLING DATE	19th March 2014

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Pinot Noir presents a lovely mix of dark and red berry fruits on the nose with lifted floral and perfumed notes. 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 2013 vintage will go down as one of the great years for winegrowers in Martinborough. Throughout summer we had seemingly endless warm sunny weather which was reflected in the weather statistics showing that 2013, whilst not our hottest year, was one of our sunniest summers on record. Long stretches of warm, sunny days were interspersed every four weeks or so with just enough rainfall to keep the vines in optimum condition. The glorious weather carried on right through till autumn, which meant April was a happy month for both pickers and winemakers.

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 for fermentation. The wine underwent a pre-ferment maceration for five days and spent a total of 22 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 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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