



## Pinot Noir 2016

A savoury, structured and beautifully layered Pinot Noir.

### COLOUR

Even, light ruby-red colour, a little paler on the edge, with slight purple tints.

### AROMA

The nose is very elegant and fine in expression, with ethereal aromas of dark-red berry fruit at the core, with soft, dark herb notes and bright red floral fragrances, unfolding a little spice and nutty oak. This has finesse and grows in intensity with aeration.

### AGEING POTENTIAL

Match with poultry, pork, lamb and beef dishes over the next 6+ years.

### PALATE

Medium-full bodied, the palate has a richly sweet and lusciously vibrant fruit flavours of dark-red cherry and berry fruit along with hints of dark herbs, spices and nutty oak, along with lifted dark-red florals. The mouthfeel is very well-balanced with very fine-grained flowery tannin extraction, and integrated lacy acidity. The palate is deceptively elegant in proportion, but grows in depth, texture and linearity, carrying with good energy along a velvety line, leading to a long, spicy finish.

This is an elegantly concentrated, dark-red cherry and berry fruited Pinot Noir with beautifully vibrancy and vitality, with fine, flowing tannins and a fresh mouthfeel.

### WINEMAKING

80% 'Wharekauhau' vineyard fruit, clones 115, 667, 777 and Abel, and 14% 'East Base' vineyard fruit, clones 667 and 777, and 6% 'Clouston' vineyard Abel clone fruit, vines up to 18 y.o., fermented with 3% whole bunches to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 14 months in 30% new French oak

### WINEMAKER

Allan Johnson

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Picking Date: April 2016

Alcohol: 14.1%

Bottled: October 2017

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