



## Pinot Noir 2017

A savoury, structured and beautifully layered Pinot Noir.

### COLOUR

Light ruby-red colour with some depth and purple hues on the edge.

### AROMA

The nose is rounded and gently full with good depth of fragrant red cherry and berry fruit along with subtle notes of fresh herbs, red florals, spices and a little nutty oak. This has a good array of aromatics.

### AGEING POTENTIAL

Serve with salmon and tuna, poultry and Asian fare over the next 4 years.

### PALATE

Medium-bodied, the palate is elegant with finely concentrated and taut flavours of red cherry and berry fruit entwined with fresh herbs and an amalgam of red florals and spicy oak. The fruit shows well on the front palate and is enlivened by crisp acidity with light, supple tannin extraction providing support and forming a round, soft core and line. The flavours recede a little as the wine carries to a light, nuanced finish of cherries, herbs and spices. This is an elegant, up-front, fragrant and pretty Pinot Noir with red berry fruits, florals, herbs and spices on a supple, refreshing palate.

### WINEMAKING

Clones 115, 667, 777 and Abel, 68% of the fruit from 'Wharekauhau', the remainder from 'East Base', 'Clouston', and 'Townsend' sites, vines on average 18 y.o., indigenous yeast fermented with minimal whole clusters to 13.1% alc., the wine aged 10 months in 27% new oak.

### WINEMAKER

Allan Johnson

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Picking Date: April 2017

Alcohol: 13.0%

Bottled: March 2018

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