



2019 Paddy Borthwick Pinot Noir

Region: Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand



Tasting notes: : Bouquet of maraschino cherries, plums, cranberries and cedar. A core of dark cherry, cloves and wild herbs are supported by bright fruit and French oak that complement a rich soft palate with finely integrated fruit tannins.

Vintage Conditions: 2019 harvest was excellent due to the weather conditions giving the team the ability to pick the grapes at full maturity. Higher rainfall in October, November and December produced good canopies with a following warm dry February, March and April allowing the grapes to ripen slowly developing great flavours and aromatics.

Viticulture: We have ten hectares of Pinot noir planted in 8 different clones on a mixture of grafted and own roots. Vines are planted in differing areas of the vineyard to maximise the array of flavours available to us during blending. Our Dijon clones 115, 777, 667 are planted on light, stony, free draining soils, promoting fruit forward characters and intensity. Our older clones of Abel, 5, 828, 943 and MV 6 are planted in deeper soils with higher clay content to promote greater depth in palate weight and texture.

Winemaking: Temperature controlled fermentation using only natural yeasts, combined with hand plunging to optimize the fruit and tannin balance. Following extended post-ferment maceration on skins the wine was drained and pressed to barrel. Rigorous barrel selection and blending is followed by minimal fining and filtration prior to bottling.

Oak Handling: 100% French oak aged for 11 months with a mixture of selected cooperages of which 30% of the barrels are new.

Analysis:

Alcohol: 14.9%

Total acid: 5.4g/l

pH: 3.57

Residual sugar: Dry

History: Established in 1996, proudly family owned and managed, Borthwick Vineyard produces wines that are a direct reflection of the Gladstone region, New Zealand. Ancient stony, alluvial soils, a cool climate, sustainable practices and minimal intervention in the vineyard and winery, mean our wines display distinctive single vineyard characteristics.