



SACRED HILL

SINGLE VINEYARD

2018 SACRED HILL SINGLE VINEYARD MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

We've always sought out the finest land for our Single Vineyard wines. A place where nature runs wild. We hand select parcels of fruit from these exceptional vineyards to create world-class wines that are a natural expression of the land.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

Summer in Marlborough was a warm one, so we started picking fruit earlier than normal. We had one short rain event early on, but that was followed by more lovely warmth, giving a real boost to flavour ripening over that time.

As ever, picking dates were critical, with our hand selected parcels of fruit being harvested during the dry, late vintage period. The long, hot summer has created a ripe, vibrant fruit profile. Deliciously typical of our Marlborough Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Displaying a delicate red-ruby hue in the glass, this rich Pinot Noir is bursting with aromas of black cherries, vanilla, and strawberry conserve with undertones of wild herbs and forest floor adding complexity. The palate shows immediate richness and very supple, velvety tannins. Vibrant and concentrated, this wine showcases the classic style of Marlborough Pinot Noir.

VINIFICATION

The hand selected parcels of Pinot Noir fruit were very ripe in the vineyard, with a degree of raisining evident, resulting in concentrated flavours adding texture to the wine.

A five-day period of cold maceration was undertaken before fermentation using a cultured yeast ideal for bringing out the best expression in Pinot Noir. Fermented in small batches with delicate pump-overs releasing a wealth of flavours. A three-day post-ferment maceration followed with the wine then going to barrel to complete malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged for 10 months in French oak barrels (25% new). Lightly fined and filtered before bottling.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety:	Pinot Noir
Region:	Marlborough
Food Matches:	Venison, duck, quail or beef
Cellaring:	5 years
RS:	Dry
Alcohol:	14.0%
pH:	3.80
TA:	5.8 g/L

Marlborough,
New Zealand

