

NEW ZEALAND | MARLBOROUGH



# **PINOT NOIR 2021**

The Crossings wines are an elegant expression of Marlborough. New Zealand sun, cool nights, and sustainably grown grapes produce wines of intense varietal character and vibrant acidity.

Enjoy the refreshing taste of crossing to the purest side of New Zealand.

## TASTING NOTE

The Crossings Pinot Noir 2021 has bright red berry and cassis flavours, with warming spice aromas.

The palate is nicely balanced with fine tannins and an underlying minerality, creating a wine that is elegant, yet structured.

Enjoy with dishes such as lamb rack, roast pork and duck breast.

## VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Vintage 2021 was the earliest harvest on record. There were late spring frosts in Marlborough and some challenging weather over the flowering period, which resulted in moderate crops throughout the region. These moderate crops coupled with a warm and stable end to the growing season set us up for an early start with stunning fruit.

We had clear, warm days throughout March, so we could pick at our leisure, without any pressure from the elements. The resulting wine showcases the wonderful hallmarks that Awatere vineyards are known for.

The grapes were harvested in ideal condition, picking the terraced blocks at the point of optimum flavour development. The individual parcels were warmed and inoculated with selected yeasts. A fast, hot fermentation followed, with daily cap management to craft a wine with elegance and balance. The parcels were then pressed off, with a portion going to a mixture of new and older oak barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation. The wine was then blended, stabilised and filtered prior to bottling.

#### HARVEST DATES

9th March - 19th March 2021

#### **VINEYARDS**

Willowflat and Brackenfield Vineyards (Awatere Valley)

ALCOHOL %

TITRATABLE ACID

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**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 

12.5

5.63 g/l

3.66

1.9 g/l



