

# *The* CROSSINGS

AWATERE VALLEY · MARLBOROUGH



## AWATERE VALLEY, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

Beneath the towering peak of Mt. Tapuae-o-Uenuku, where early settlers crossed the fast-flowing Awatere River, our three distinct riverside vineyards produce wines of intense varietal character and vibrant acidity.

Sustainably grown in the premium sub-region of the Awatere Valley, The Crossings range of wines are a pure and elegant expression of Marlborough.

## THE CROSSINGS PINOT NOIR 2020

### Tasting Note

The 2020 Crossings Pinot Noir has lifted notes of cassis and violets, with warming spice aromas. Red berry fruit flavours, combine with savoury notes on the palate, to produce a wine that is elegant, yet structured.

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

### Viticulture & Winemaking

We were incredibly lucky to be able to continue to create these wines during the global pandemic crisis. For this reason, our 2020 wines carry some very unique memories.

The 2020 growing season was very dry, which meant disease pressure was low and some timely light rains kept just enough water flowing in our rivers. We had a classic Marlborough autumn with warm days and cool nights, which created this season's wines with our signature fresh natural acidity and intense fruit flavours.

At the winery, each parcel of Pinot Noir was handled individually to emphasise the unique characteristics of each vineyard block. 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 gently 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

18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### VINEYARDS

Awatere Valley

Alc: 13.0%

Titrateable Acid: 5.20 g/l

pH: 3.87

Residual Sugar: 0.8 g/l

Vegan Friendly

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