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TE KAIRANGA

JOHN MARTIN PINOT NOIR 2024

Established in 1984, Te Kairanga is an important part of the Martinborough wine story. Our home vineyards are planted on land that was originally owned by the founding father of Martinborough, John Martin. While our land is steeped in history, our winemaking is very much focused on the future.

OUR VINEYARDS

Grapes for this wine are selected from our Todds, Home and McLeod Vineyards on the Martinborough Terrace, one of New Zealand's most coveted winegrowing sub-regions. Once a riverbed, it features deep ancient alluvial gravel soils. Our vineyards are sustainably farmed.

OUR WINEMAKING

Under the direction of Chief Winemaker, John Kavanagh, our winemaking philosophy places a premium on the character of each vineyard. Crafted from our best vineyard parcels, the fruit for John Martin Pinot Noir is derived from three clones this year, including the famed Abel clone. It is hand-picked block by block, carefully hand sorted and destemmed. Fermented with wild yeast and hand plunged, the wine was aged for 12 months in the finest French oak barrels and blended. Unfined and unfiltered, our gentle winemaking ensures this wine captures the inimitable personality of the Te Kairanga terrior.

VINTAGE 2024

A near perfect growing season from a quality view with a smaller crop due to unsettled flowering weather. Spring growth started early but flowering weather was varied and generally unsettled. The spring was dry. Mixed weather continued until the start of January when a month of hot dry weather set the base for a great vintage. A cool, dry February and March meant acidity levels remained high and fruit retained freshness. Dry harvest weather meant the small crop of concentrated fruit could be harvested at optimal ripeness with intense fruit flavours, moderate alcohol levels and fine acidity.

TASTING NOTE

A deep burgundy hue with subtle purple highlights sets the tone for this wine's complexity. The nose is rich and layered, revealing brambly red and dark cherries, wild berry fruits, and lifted floral notes, underpinned by hints of exotic spice. On the palate, it offers concentrated, ripe fruit supported by refined tannins and a core of minerality. The finish is vibrant and mouth-watering, leaving a lingering impression of freshness and poise.

CLONES REGION ALCOHOL AGING TA PH RS

Abel (48%) 777 (24%) 115 (9%) 13 (5)
Martinborough, New Zealand
13.5%
10 months in French oak (21% new)
5.50 g/L
3.67
0.30 g/L

