

Grapes  
100% Pinot Noir

Region/Appellation  
Marlborough

Alcohol by volume  
13.00%

pH  
3.7

Total Acidity  
5.9 g/l

Drinking Window  
2024 - 2027

Tasting Guide  
A B **C** D E  
Light Medium Full

Tasting note printed  
27/12/2024

# Reserve Pinot Noir 2019

## 6x75cl

### Winemaker Notes

Beautifully fragrant red berry and floral aromas combine with flavours of cherry, spice with earthy undertones on a finely textured palate. Enjoyable in its youth and will continue to gain complexity with time.

### Vineyard

This Pinot Noir from the 2019 vintage was grown in premium vineyards in the Wairau Valley of Marlborough. The unique climate and soils in this valley, combined with unwavering attention to detail in the vineyard, consistently produce fruit of the highest quality.

### Winemaking

Parcels of grapes were harvested and cold soaked at 10°C between five and ten days before the onset of fermentation. Ferments were hand plunged, allowing gentle extraction of flavour and aroma compounds. Some batches were hot fermented to contribute density, structure and savoury complexity to the final wine, while others were fermented at lower temperatures to emphasise fruit characters, purity and elegance. The young wines were pressed and run to French barrique where malolactic fermentation took place in spring. Extended maturation on lees has added depth and complexity to the final wine.

### Vintage

Due to a cold and drawn out flowering in spring fruit set was lower than average compared to previous vintages. As a result we saw excellent quality fruit; balanced crop levels ensured the development of open bunches with small and flavourful berries. Once the New Year rolled around Marlborough experienced a summer of the century. Blenheim's signature high sunshine hours coupled with a dry season saw crops ripen early without any disease pressure. Long and hot days with moderately cool nights provided the perfect environment to ensure physical and flavour ripeness.

### Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

Try with a seared tuna steak for a delicious match.

