



NAUTILUS SOUTHERN VALLEYS PINOT NOIR 2023

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Garnet in colour, the 2023 Nautilus Pinot Noir opens with an inviting and complex bouquet of dark berries, cassis and subtle spice, layered with hints of leather and earthy tones. The palate is concentrated yet beautifully poised, showing a fine, dense core of silky tannins that carry through to a long, savoury, and refined finish.

VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season brought its share of challenges, with La Niña delivering overcast skies and frequent rainfall that kept our vineyard team busy. Thankfully, the weather turned at just the right moment—January cleared into a dry, settled period that supported even ripening, and early autumn remained kind. Thanks to precision viticulture and meticulous attention in our Pinot Noir blocks, the fruit was harvested in excellent condition, displaying exceptional purity, concentration, and balance.

WINEMAKING

To make this wine, fruit from Pinot Noir clones 114, 115, 5, 667 and 777 was hand harvested and de-stemmed without crushing to allow a portion of whole berries in the ferment. A small amount of whole bunch fruit was also included in some ferments (average 20% whole bunch).

The grapes were fermented with indigenous yeast in open top fermenters after a 7-12 day 'cold soak'. Careful cap management, using our pneumatic punch down device, has resulted in extraction of only the soft ripe tannins. After pressing the wine was racked directly to a mixture of new and older French oak Barriques (25% new), where it remained undisturbed until filtration and bottling in March 2024.

CELLARING

The primary fruit components showing in the wines youth will further develop and integrate over the next five years as the wine matures.

IDEAL FOOD MATCH

Beautiful accompanied by Venison with Star Anise



Release date: June 2026

Varietal composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Region: Marlborough

Harvest: 20th to 25th March 2023

Winemaker: Clive Jones

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

Res Sugar: Dry

Total Acid: 5.2 g/L

pH: 3.62



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