

2019 PINOT NOIR Block B

ORIGIN: Wairarapa

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS: Spring frosts and wet flowering conditions resulted in reduced yields. By January, the soil dried out and vintage conditions became very favourable.

DATE OF HARVEST: 21st - 28th March 2019

HARVEST & VINIFICATION: Block B is a selection of Dijon Pinot Noir Clones. Specifically, the clones 115, 667, 777, 114 and 113. Hand-picked and carefully selected grapes. 100% de-stemmed, cold-macerated and fermented in stainless steel vats and left on grape skins for 3 weeks. Aged in 45% new and 55% used French oak barriques for 18 months.

DATE OF BOTTLING: 5th March 2021

ALC: 14.5% VOL

TASTING NOTES: Dark cherries and baked plums are unfolding from the glass, transitioning into wild thyme and violets with impressions of cassis, sandalwood, and cinnamon. A complex wine with a firm tannin structure, yet smooth mouthfeel. The supporting role of oak intensifies the underlying dark cacao and spicy characters.

DRINKING TEMPERATURE: 15-17 °C

CELLARING: 8 - 15 years

