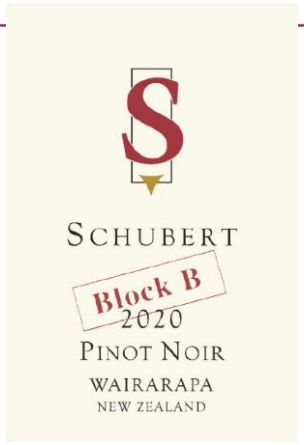

2020 PINOT NOIR Block B

ORIGIN: Wairarapa

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS: A cool spring was followed by warm flowering conditions, resulting in healthy yields, combined with beautiful summer weather and some rain at the start of April.

DATE OF HARVEST: 17th – 30th March 2020

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, 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: 28th January 2022

ALC: 14% 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



- 95 points by Bob Campbell MW, September 2022

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