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CLASSIC MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2021

THE OTUWHERO RIVER GIVES OUR WINE ITS NAME

Our wild, sea swept Otuwhero Estate is set at the edge of the Southern Ocean - where the ancient Otuwhero River runs through the lower Awatere Valley in Marlborough New Zealand.

ABOUT THE SEASON

Vintage 2021 was a harvest like no other in Marlborough. Still managing the harvest production under COVID-19 protocols challenged all the systems of the OTU Estate vineyard and winery team. Thankfully, a great season and considered teamwork across the whole of Marlborough, led to some outstanding fruit across the varietal range. A good rainfall of 100mm through November and December of 2020 set up the vine and soil moisture conditions for the rest of the season. A very dry period from January and February 2021, allowed the grapes to ripen fully. Rainfall of only 30mm, compared to the long-term average of 88 mm was the lowest on recent records, again assisting full flavoured, perfect fruit.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Opulent, fragrant and full-bodied Marlborough Pinot Noir at its finest. Two clones of Pinot Noir, Able and 777 from the Upper Wairau sub-region were harvested in optimum condition during late March, fermented in open top tanks and hand plunged for a twenty-day fermentation and on skin maceration. Part of the blend was aged in new and aged French oak barriques for 8 months

AROMAS

The wine displays dark cherry, black plum aromas with light cedar, smoky oak notes. A rich, concentrated palate follows, with fine tannins that will develop further over time.

Technical Specifications

Alc	13%
T/Acid	5.1g/L
pHl	3.53
Res Sugar	<1.0g/L
Region	Marlborough, New Zealand
Winemaker	Jeff Clarke
Cellaring	This wine will age beautifully over 4-5 years

