



HUNTER'S WINES

MARLBOROUGH

Jane Hunter

HUNTER'S 2013 MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

Winemaker's Notes

Rich ripe plum, berry and subtle forest floor aromas marry together for a smooth medium bodied Pinot Noir. The palate shows persistent rich cherry/plum flavours and mild spicy oak making an enjoyable and easy drinking wine.

Technical Details

Harvest Date	March & April 2013
Alcohol	13.5%
Total Acidity	5.8 g/l
Residual Sugar	0.26 g/l
Bottling Date	March 2014

Vintage Conditions

Short and intense is the best way to describe the grape harvesting of 2013. The fine weather worked in our favour throughout the entire season, including during the critical flowering, ripening and harvest period. As the harvester moved from block to block there was no stopping, the weather was good; flavours were right and within a 3 week period all fruit was safely in the winery. Yields hit targets on all varieties rating the 2013 season up there with the best.

Vinification

This wine was made in small batches using a variety of different winemaking techniques to try and enhance the individual clones and vineyards character.

A portion of the fruit was handpicked and was plunged in small open vats until completion of ferment. This allowed lighter fruit components to be expressed.

The balance of the fruit was machine picked and fermented in stainless steel tanks. The ferment was pumped over twice a day with temperatures of up to 32° degrees being reached to extract the colour and tannins for the backbone of the wine. A percentage of the ferment was transferred to barrels to complete the fermentation in new oak. The remaining components were aged in one and two year old French oak barriques for ten months before being blended. The wine was given a light egg white fining before being bottled.

Awards

90 POINTS - Maryann Worobiec, Wine Spectator, Oct 2015

"Offers vibrant, taut, juicy red fruit flavors, accented by an orange peel hint, with plenty of spice and notes of black tea and fresh forest floor. Comes together on the finish, where a mineral, crushed rock nuances and dried floral elements gain momentum, all set on a velvety texture. Drink now through 2030."

DOUBLE GOLD - FiftyBest.com, Best New Zealand Pinot Noir Tasting, May 2016

"... Finish: Black cherry, perfumed, light green pepper, soft, delicate, elegant, beautiful integration, complex yet ethereal, balanced, spot-on New Zealand Pinot Noir."

4 STARS - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, Jun 2015

"A gently expressed pinot showing red cherry, plum, clove and a touch of dried herb complexity on the nose. It is juicy and rounded on the palate with attractive fruit weight, backed by fine tannins. The wine shows lovely balance and harmony, with elegance and softness, finishing lingering and pleasingly dry."

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4 STARS - Raymond Chan, raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, Jun 2015

“Dark, deep, ruby-red colour with lighter garnet hues on edge. This has a full and broad bouquet with deep and densely packed aromas of savoury dark red berry fruit along with piquant fresh herbs, along with secondary development notes of earth, dried herbs and undergrowth. Some soft red florals emerge with aeration. Medium-full bodied, rich and savoury dark red berry fruit flavours are melded with secondary earth, dried herb and undergrowth complexities. Some layers of game, spice and florals unfold. This has a deep core, supported by softly dry, grainy textured tannins, providing structure and balance to the fruit sweetness. There is good acid energy and drive that carries the solid palate to a dry, savoury, earthy fruited finish. This is a full, solidly packed, savoury fruited Pinot Noir with some development and dry structure.”

3.5 STARS – Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz, May 2015

“A bouquet filled with aromas of red cherry, plum and red apple skin; a layer of stony mineral adds depth and a little complexity; noticeable oak spices and overall pinosity.

On the palate - dry, firm and youthful with lots of crunch to the light red fruit flavors that reflect the nose with a little cranberry as well; touches of red florals; overall balanced and well-made though quite youthful still with medium length and complexity. Will cellar well for another 12 - 18 months or serve with food.”

REVIEW – Peter Saunders, Independent Wine Critic and Writer, Aug 2015

“Lovely texture and mouth-feel; a delicious wine with dinner courses like veal, pork, roast lamb and pasta. Just a nice touch of oak and tannin reminds us of the red grape yet allows the Pinot personality to speak. Quite elegant, enjoyable for 3-5 years.”

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