

# Offshoot

## PINOT NOIR 2020

*Plum and Wild Berries*

### TASTING NOTES

This Pinot Noir is an excellent example of a fruit forward Marlborough Pinot Noir. The wine shows fresh cherry fruit notes that flow seemingly onto the palate with plum and wild berries. Soft tannins compliment blackcurrant notes on the palate that extends to a supple finish. Drink now and up to 5 years+.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date	March 2020
Alcohol	13.3%
Total Acidity	5.1 g/l
Residual	0.16 g/l
Sugar	
Bottling Date	June 2021

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2020 growing season was one to remember for the amazing weather conditions in Marlborough. During Summer and Autumn, we had warm and dry conditions throughout, allowing for clean fruit and an early start to the vintage. These conditions resulted in grapes that were picked with good natural acidity relative to their sugar and flavour ripeness. 2020 will prove to be an exceptional vintage.

### VINIFICATION

Grapes were grown at our *Home Block* on Rapaura Road. The vines are 30 years old and 10/5 clone, one of the original Pinot Noir clones imported to New Zealand. This clone has widely been discarded for red wine production however we are seeing wines of exceptional quality as the vines get older. The fruit was handpicked and partially destemmed before being fermented in an open top fermenter. 40% whole clusters were used in the ferment to cut through the richness of the clone.

The wine was pressed off and aged in French oak barrels for 15 months. No fining was done on this wine and the wine is unfiltered. Sulphur was added to the wine just before bottling.

### ACCOLADES

#### 4 STARS – WINESTATE MAGAZINE, SEPTEMBER 2021

*This youthful, savoury red was hand-harvested from 30-year-old vines in the Home Block at Rapaura, matured for 15 months in French oak casks, and bottled unfining and unfiltered. Bright ruby, it is mouth filling and supple, with good depth of ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours, earthy notes adding complexity, and a smooth finish. Best drinking 2023+.*



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