

The CROSSINGS

PINOT NOIR 2016

Awatere Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

THE STORY OF THE CROSSINGS

There's a place in Marlborough, New Zealand, where early pioneers crossed the fast-flowing Awatere River. This is where we grow our grapes for The Crossings.

The Crossings' 100% Awatere Valley sourcing offers you a pure and elegant expression of Marlborough. Our award-winning wines are estate grown and express the intense fruit and mineral flavors that make Awatere Valley wine such a distinctive experience.

VITICULTURE / WINEMAKING

The 2016 growing season started out incredibly dry. Fortunately, some unseasonal rains in February set the vines up for a great final ripening period. March and April were very consistent, with warm and dry weather experienced in the Awatere Valley. Conditions over the flowering period were stable, creating even crop levels in the vineyards that translated into wines with great concentration and texture.

At the winery, each parcel of Pinot Noir was handled individually to emphasize the unique characteristics of each vineyard block. The parcels were cold macerated for five days before being warmed and inoculated with selected yeasts. A fast, hot fermentation followed with regular hand plunging to craft a wine with elegance and balance. The parcels were then gently pressed off, with a portion going to a mixture of new and older French oak barriques to undergo malolactic fermentation and to age before blending and gentle filtration prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Our Pinot Noir was harvested in excellent condition and the resulting wine shows the wonderful hallmarks for which the Awatere Valley is known - lifted fruit flavors in the dark berry spectrum balanced with earthy savory notes, vibrancy, purity and structure.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vineyards: Medway Vineyard, Willow Flat Vineyard and Brackenfield Estate (Awatere Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand)

ALC: 12.5%

Titrateable Acid: 7.20 g/l

pH: 3.25

Residual Sugar: 3.6 g/l



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