

# The CROSSINGS

## PINOT NOIR 2017

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 2017 growing season in the Awatere Valley was fairly cool and we experienced high winds in the months leading into harvest. These conditions resulted in our Pinot Noir berries being very thick skinned and also very small. The resulting wine has incredibly concentrated flavors and depth of structure, but also a lovely elegance from the more moderate alcohols coming from the cool growing season. Our Pinot Noir was harvested in excellent condition and the resulting wine shows the wonderful hallmarks that the Awatere Valley is known for - lifted fruit flavours in the dark berry spectrum balanced with earthy savory notes, vibrancy, purity and structure.

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 daily 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. After 9 months of aging the wine was blended, stabilized and filtered prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

This expressive Pinot Noir has heady aromas of cassis and violets, with a warming cigar box spice. Ripe berry fruit flavours combine with savory notes on the palate to produce a wine that is elegant, yet structured. Enjoy with dishes such as lamb rack, roast pork or duck breast.

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

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

**ALC:** 13%

**Titrateable Acid:** 5.1 g/l

**pH:** 3.55

**Residual Sugar:** 1.4 g/l



New Zealand Wine Producer of the Year 2014



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