

NAUTILUS

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

Nautilus Estate has had a focus on producing Premium Pinot Noir from the Marlborough region for over 10 years. The majority of our fruit now comes from two specialised Pinot Noir vineyards on the clay slopes on the southern side of the Wairau Valley. Small parcels are also grown on intensively managed sites in the Awatere Valley and the Wairau Valley floor with each site contributing a specific character to our regional blend. Our dedicated Pinot Noir cellar incorporates principles of minimal handling and gravity flow and allows us to handle all our fruit with the utmost respect.

Nautilus Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008 is dark ruby in colour and shows an aroma of wild raspberries, plums and spice. The palate is medium to full-bodied with generous fruit sweetness and succulent tannins combining to give a long warm finish.

The primary fruit components showing in the wines youth will further develop and integrate over the next five years as the wine matures.

WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The 2008 season was warm and dry with our Pinot Noir crops harvested early, well before the arrival of late season rains. A good fruit set meant larger than normal bunches but still good skin to juice ratios. This is a carefully selected blend of hand harvested fruit from six premium vineyard sites.

To make this wine, fruit from Pinot Noir clones 114, 115, 5, 667 and 777 was hand harvested and de-stemmed without crushing to allow a portion of whole berries in the ferment. The wines were fermented in open top fermenters after a 6-8 day 'cold soak'.

Careful cap management, using our pneumatic punch down device, has resulted in extraction on only the soft ripe tannins. After pressing the wine was racked directly to a mixture of new and older French oak Barriques, where it remained undisturbed until filtration and bottling in March 2009.

AWARDS FOR NAUTILUS PINOT NOIR 2007

PINOT NOIR TROPHY - ROYAL HOBART WINE SHOW 2008
BEST RED WINE IN SHOW - PORT OF WINES FESTIVAL, NOVA SCOTIA
GOLD - ROYAL EASTER SHOW 2008
94 POINTS - BOB CAMPBELL MW



Vintage Information:

Vintage: 2008
Region: Marlborough
Winemaker: Clive Jones
Total Acid: 5.5 g/L
pH: 3.52
Alc/Vol: 14.0 %

