

## PINOT NOIR



WINEMAKERS NOTES Hand harvested, mostly destemmed with no crushing to a small fermenter, a small percentage of whole bunches was added. Long pre-ferment soak, hand plunged twice daily, then held on skins for a long post-ferment maceration. Pressed to tight grain French oak and aged for a year in oak before bottling. Bottle aged for 12 months before release.

**TASTING NOTES** Red/garnet colour, aromas of blueberry, blackberry and brambles. Palate is dry and elegant, with berry fruits, fine tannins and balanced acidity. Will benefit from further ageing to integrate oak and tannins.

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The beautifully perfumed 2019 vintage (5\*) was hand-picked from mature, ungrafted vines planted at Waipara by Jill and Bruce Moore in 1982.

Crafted by highly experienced winemaker, Alan McCorkindale, it was fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured for a year in French oak casks.

Full, bright ruby, it is an intensely varietal, savoury red, with deep, ripe, cherry and spice flavours, finely integrated oak, fresh acidity, supple tannins and a finely poised, long finish. Still very youthful, it's well worth cellaring to 2024+.