# CIOS HENRI



PINOT

MARLBOROUGH | NEW ZEALAND | WAIRAU

# **ESTATE** 2022

# PINOT NOIR

This is a captivating blend of elegance and boldness. Offering notes of raspberries which is enhanced by an earthy smokiness. The taste offers an interesting structure of bright red fruit flavors, intertwined with suggestions of smoke and warming spice. The finish is long-lasting and satisfying, highlighted by a continuous smoky touch.

# TECHNICAL

## **TERROIR**

Glacial Stones, Wither and Broadbridge Clays

#### CLIMATE

Dry maritime with warm sunny days and cool nights.

#### YIELD

7.5t/ha

#### VINE AGE

10 - 18 year old vines

#### **ALCOHOL**

14%

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

5 - 10 years from vintage

## RAINFALL

Based on growing season Oct - April 362 mm vs *LTA* 314 mm

#### **SUNSHINE HOURS**

Based on growing season Oct - April 1614 hours vs *LTA* 1614 hours

#### PAIRING SUGGESTION

Pair with rich fish, such as smoked salmon or seared tuna steaks, or a nice lamb rack fresh from the barbeque.

# TERROIR & VITICULTURE

Sourced from various terroirs across our vineyard, the Estate Pinot Noir is a representation of our unique site.

Following the French tradition, our vineyard is planted in **high density**. This encourages competition between vines and restrains vigour; ensuring vines divert their energy into the fruit (rather than the canopy) – resulting in concentrated berries. **Dry farming** and **organic practices** also allows us to ensure **natural vine balance** is achieved by stressing the vines just to the right level. This forces the roots to go deeper in the soil, obtaining the purest expression of our terroir and showing more **minerality** from the stone soils.

#### WINEMAKING

This wine was fermented in stainless steel open top tanks and **then aged** in large (7,500 I) **French Oak** vats for 11 months.

Ageing in large oak vats, instead of smaller barrels, gives the wine great balance with subtle oak which enriches structure while retaining **aromatic intensity** and brightness.

