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BETTER HALF

2020

Pinot Noir

MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

Colour

Bright ruby red.

Nose

This attractive Pinot Noir is full of appealing red fruits on the nose with intense raspberry and plum aromas gradually revealing subtle chocolatey notes.

Palate

This wine exhibits juicy red fruits on the palate: raspberry, cherry and plum flavours which are well balanced with chocolate undertones and a hint of spice.

Vintage & Winemaking Notes

The season started cool and unsettled, but temperatures quickly warmed up leading to an early, quick flowering. The last substantial rainfall was on 17th December and after that Marlborough dried out. This wasn't obvious early in January as ash drifting across from the Australian bushfires resulted in a lot of cooler cloudy weather that kept the vineyards green. However, the season warmed up heading into February, and the grapes went through veraison in very good, clean condition. In the last week or so the nights cooled off, allowing extra time for flavour development heading into harvest. On Monday 23rd March, we heard that New Zealand was heading into lockdown for a month. Thankfully, the government allowed us to continue harvesting and the weather played its part superbly. Apart from the stress caused by virus, the actual harvest was a breeze with some of the best condition fruit we have ever seen. The last grapes were harvested on 6th April and brought the surreal vintage to a close.

Food Match

Keep things casual with grilled meats straight from the barbeque, or a charcuterie sharing platter. For vegetarian options try it with roasted beets or grilled eggplant.

Cellaring

2 - 4 years cellaring in a dark cool environment will reward you well.



Wine Analysis

Alc: 13.25% pH: 3.49 TA: 5.7 g/l RS: 1.1 g/l



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