



Little Beauty Black Edition Pinot Noir

Variety:	100% Pinot Noir
Vintage:	2019
Site location:	Single Vineyard, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough. Sub-region: 'Southern Valleys'.
Site features:	Total Pinot Noir planting is just 6ha. Discrete, characterful. The Pinot Noir is grown on three different blocks. The lower terraces contain stony silt loam soils with fine sandy loam topsoil and gravels over alluvial gravels. Considerable stone is evident in the topsoil profile. Upper terraces contain friable silt loams over blocky silt loams on gravels. Sustainably Accredited by NZ Winegrowers.
Clones:	115, 667, 777
Canopy:	North-south facing rows. The trellis system used is Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP) and Double Guyot.
Viticulture:	Crops were shoot thinned early in the season, followed by a green thin at veraison. The use of machine and hand plucking gave the fruit good exposure to take advantage of autumn heat and to ripen phenolics. Fruit was hand harvested in multiple passes throughout the season so to ensure every clone and berry was at optimum ripeness. Harvesting only takes place in the early morning to preserve the berries.
Style Summary:	The 2019 Black Edition Pinot Noir is a premium barrel aged complex wine made from hand harvested, ripe Dijon clone fruit displaying all the intensity yet suppleness that Pinot Noir enjoys in a great season.
Winemaker:	Eveline Fraser.
Oenology:	The fruit was 100% de-stemmed into stainless steel open top fermenters and cold soaked for several days before the ferments started with naturally occurring yeasts. During ferment, each batch was plunged three times daily to gently extract the tannin and colour. Once dry, each batch was held at 20°C for a post ferment maceration of several weeks before being pressed off separately and transferred into French Oak (225 litre, small percentage of new oak) barriques for maturation (almost 12-months). Oak selection Sylvain and Mercurey. Black Edition is only made in exceptional vintages. Black Edition is Eveline's favourite (top) barrels for that vintage. Bottling date: 12 March 2020.
Colour & Aroma:	Crimson. A hint of garnet. The 2019 Black Edition Pinot Noir aroma is distinctively rich. An exciting mix of coffee mocha, black plum, black cherry, black peach, redcurrant leaf, leathery, cured meat, black pepper, farmyard, savoury herb and baked red fruit compote. Here the journey starts...
Palate:	The palate is weighty, smooth and supple showcasing ripe, red fruits (plum, cherry, raspberry), combined with cinnamon quill, floral notes like violets and forest undergrowth. Some tannin and earthy notes too. It is alluring and elegant.
RS:	<1 g/l
Alc:	13.5%
TA:	5.0 g/l
Food Pairing:	Lamb, Venison, Duck, Thyme, Rosemary, Earthy Vegetables, Spices like Five Spice, Clove, Star Anise.
Ratings & Accolades:	TROPHY Best of Show NZ Red, Mundus Vini International Wine Awards, 91 POINTS James Suckling, GOLD Sakura International Wine Awards, 91 POINTS Burghound.