

*With over three decades of Marlborough winemaking experience, the three Giesen brothers have come to know the region intimately, its best vineyards and its terroir. In 2008 they challenged our winemaking and viticulture teams to craft a collection of wines true to their vineyard, which spoke of their special place. Our Single Vineyard Selection was born in 2011. They are our icon wines, the best of the best. The journey of each wine starts in a Marlborough vineyard selected for its unique terroir and climate. They are then nurtured with meticulous hands-on viticulture to ensure fruit produces highly concentrated flavour. Our winemaking expertise then allows these wines to speak for themselves, their purity becoming a showcase of the land. We are proud to share our Single Vineyard Selection with you.*

#### WINEMAKERS

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SINGLE VINEYARD SELECTION

PINOT NOIR 2014

WAIHOPAI

#### VITICULTURE

Located in the Waihopai Valley, free draining river gravels with mixed silt loam over a clay base.

23 year old vines, clone 10/5 conventional rows and plant spacing, extensive vine management ensures expressive, concentrated fruit.

#### WINEMAKING

Selectively hand harvested, warmed immediately and fermented for around 10 days, before a post ferment maceration on skins for 15 days.

Rested in 300L Hogshead barrels for 11 months, with 30% new oak.

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A cool frosty start to spring led to a low flowering season. This meant the vines were naturally low cropping, thus the usual viticulture regime of fruit thinning was greatly diminished. This combined with a hot Indian Summer, with very little rainfall, led to the grapes having an open cluster architecture with small, concentrated, even berry size. All reds ripened very quickly earlier on average in the season, so it became a race to get fruit off the vine to ensure the flavour would be perfect. The fruit was perfectly clean, an Utopian harvest.

#### NOSE

Red, aromatic fruit aromas - blueberry and plum meld alongside violets, cinnamon and nutmeg, with aniseed influence.

#### PALATE

Seamless structure, with layers of wild berry fruits and spice framed with subtle French oak. A perfect balance between intensity, elegance and refinement.

WINE ANALYSIS Alcohol: 14.2% TA: 5.61g/L pH: 3.63 RS: 2.02g/L

#### AGING POTENTIAL

10 years