



2023 Jules Taylor Marlborough Pinot Noir

Fickle and demanding, this little number is a piece of work, but has turned into some Dangerously good Marlborough Pinot Noir. - Jules

Both vineyard sites for this wine are in drier, more sheltered locations with even soils leading to beautiful even ripeness in the fruit as it arrived in the winery.

Vinification:

- The grapes for this Pinot Noir were grown in Marlborough's Southern Valleys.
- The fruit was predominantly hand harvested over a two week period from mid March as optimum ripeness was reached in each block.
- At the winery, most of the fruit was de-stemmed into small open top fermenters and cold soaked for 5 to 10 days, with a small percentage of whole bunches included to accentuate the spicy perfumed aromas.
- The juice was then fermented with indigenous yeasts, and plunged by hand to extract a good amount of colour and tannins.
- It was pressed immediately upon reaching dryness and a portion was transferred to French oak barrels for maturation.
- After a full malolactic fermentation in spring, the wine was bottled in March of 2024.

Food Match:

Try it with a platter of seeded crackers and smoky eggplant dip or with smoky pulled pork sliders served with kimchi and slaw.

Winemaker's Notes:

Color: Bright ruby red

Nose: An evocative perfume of ripe cherry, boysenberries and vanilla, overlays cinnamon spice, with hints of dark chocolate and liquorice.

Palate: Juicy bright boysenberry fruit, cherry and cinnamon spice spring to the fore on a smooth, polished palate, rounded off by spicy oak and supple tannins, while juicy acidity gives the wine a classy structure and length.

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A linear and bright pinot with dark cherry and strawberry character with some flint and graphite undertones. Medium body. Fresh fruit and hints of citrus at the end. Firm tannins too. Complex.

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It's splendidly appealing on the nose, showing sweet cherry, olive, clove and toasted nut characters with a lovely floral overtone. The palate displays juicy fruit intensity, together with supple texture and beautifully pitched tannins, finishing persistent and refined. At its best: now to 2031. wonderfully long and velvety. At its best: now to 2030.

SUSTAINABLE



WINEGROWING



HARVEST DATE

20 - 31 March 2023

VINEYARDS

100% Southern Valleys

VARIETIES

100% Pinot Noir

WINE ANALYSIS

- Alc. 14.0%
- RS. 0.6 g/L
- pH. 3.68
- TA. 5.31 g/L

CELLARING

- Drink now or cellar for two years for optimum drinking.
- Cellar up to 5 years.

















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