



Delta Vineyard, Marlborough Pinot Noir 2014

PRODUCER

The Delta farm, first established in 1848, was purchased in 2000 by four partners, including winemaker Matt Thomson and David Gleave of Liberty Wines. Their specialisation in Pinot Noir sets Delta apart from the crowd in Marlborough. Lying on the West Coast highway, the 30 hectare Delta Vineyard is planted with the best new Dijon clones of Pinot Noir and can be divided into two areas. The flatter part, closer to the road, produces approachable, younger drinking wines bottled under the 'Delta' label, whereas the best fruit from the hillsides that rise to around 175 metres produces the reserve style 'Hatter's Hill'. The low vigour clay soils, combined with the elevation of the vineyard, the warm days, the excellent quality of the light, the cool nights and the constant breeze, make this site ideal for the production of top quality Pinot Noir.

VINEYARDS

The Delta Pinot Noir vineyard comprises 27ha, planted in 2002 with the best Dijon clones. The vineyard's low clay soil and elevation, plus Marlborough's warm days, cool nights, excellent light quality and constant breeze, make this site ideal for producing top quality Pinot Noir.

VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season was characterised by an early dry spring followed by typical cool nights and warm days in late summer and into the early autumn. This allowed for full ripeness with wonderful fruit intensity.

VINIFICATION

At the winery each clone is cold soaked for five days prior to fermentation. Cultured yeasts were used for the primary alcoholic fermentation during which the fermenting must was hand plunged six times per day. When dry, each batch was pressed to tank, settled then racked off gross lees to older, seasoned French oak. The wine underwent 100% malolactic fermentation before being blended and prepared for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A perfumed wine with notes of ripe blackcurrants and dark spices. On the palate dark fruits dominate with undertones of fresh ground coffee and warmed spice. The wine has well-balanced acidity, a fine tannin structure and a long, clean finish.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2014
Region	Marlborough
Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Matt Thomson
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	1 g/L
Acidity	5.5 g/L
Wine pH	3.6
Bottle Sizes	75cl

