



2018 Elephant Hill Central Otago Pinot Noir

Established in 2003, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay on New Zealand's North Island.

The winemaking at Elephant Hill is driven by tradition while not losing sight of what innovation can bring to the blend. Our aim is to make wines that are balanced, elegant and a true expression of the vineyards they come from.

Vintage Overview

"The best Vintage on record?" A big claim and one we hear perhaps very often in some parts of the industry, but for the vineyards at Elephant Hill the 2018 Vintage has produced the best of all possible outcomes. Central Otago is world-renowned for producing great Pinot Noir. The grapes for our Pinot Noir were sourced from a single vineyard in Bendigo.

Winemaking

A combination of Burgundian clones was used in blending to showcase the broad flavour spectrum of Central Otago Pinot Noir. All the grapes were carefully de-stemmed and were cold soaked for 4 days to preserve delicate aromas and colour. The wine had 11 months in French oak (30% new) before bottling. The wine was bottled on 29th March 2019.

Tasting Note

The 2018 Pinot Noir is fruit-forward and aromatic, displaying layers of ripe red berry, dark fruit and subtle floral notes alongside vibrant acidity and fined-grained tannins.

Review

"Delightfully fruited and fragrant, the bouquet shows Black Doris plum, dark cherry, floral and toasted almond characters with a hint of mushroom complexity. It is succulent and beautifully rounded on the palate with fleshy mouthfeel and silky tannins, finishing gorgeously long and velvety." - Wine Orbit, 93 points

Technical Data

Wine

Alcohol Content: 14.2%
Residual Sugar: <1 g/L
Dry Extract: 29.6 g/L
TA: 4.9 g/L



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