



2020 Elephant Hill 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 Pinot Noir is the only wine grown in the South Island in the Central Otago region which is well renowned for this variety. The and semi-continental climate, with cold winters and warm dry summers, suits Pinot Noir well, grown in a number of diverse sub regional sites.

Vintage Overview

2020 was a memorable vintage, with a cooler start to summer, through to March, but was saved by a dry and frost-free April and May. This ripened grapes well especially with the lower yields, overall down 20%-30%. This resulted in concentrated and ageworthy wines.

Winemaking

A single vineyard wine this year, with fruit sourced from the Lowburn sub-region of Central Otago. The vineyard is located between the Pisa ranges and Lake Dunstan, producing a plush, fulsome, velvety style with succulent fruit flavours. 100% destemmed, cold soak and post ferment maceration. Around 20% new French oak ageing.

Tasting Note

Medium-bodied, the palate is packed with aromas of strawberries, cherries and orange peel, and black pepper unfolds alongside dark herbs and earth. The mouthfeel is smooth with supple tannin extraction; lively acidity enlivens the palate and carries pepper to a juicy closing. (Candice Chow)

Review

91 pts Candice Chow

93 pts Cameron Douglas MS

Technical Data

Vineyard sub-regions

100% Lowburn

Wine

Alcohol content: 13.5%

Residual Sugar: dry



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