



georges road wines

W A I P A R A

PINOT NOIR Williams Hill 2017

A dark, well weighted wine with dark red fruits intermixed with savoury and herb notes. Good palate structure and texture complimented by fine grained tannins, delicate oak and with excellent length.

SEASON

A cooler season, with slightly higher than average rainfall. Even bud burst without frost issues. Cooler weather over flowering set a smaller cropload. Good settled weather until harvest time when increased rainfall meant selective picking was necessary to ensure a balanced and healthy crop. Small but in excellent condition.

VINEYARD

The fruit for this wine was hand harvested from the Williams Hill vineyard on the eastern slopes of the Waipara Valley. Vineyard soils are predominantly clay and limestone based. The vines are trained to a 2 cane VSP trellis with row spacing at 2.0m and vine spacing at 1.5m. Clones are a mix of 5, 115, 667 and 777 on 3309 and 101-14 rootstock. The fruit was transported on the day of harvest to the winery for processing. Shoot and crop thinning are employed to ensure optimum fruit quality at low cropping levels of approx 1kg per vine.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was passed over a sorting table before being 100% destemmed and crushed into small 1.5tonne open fermenters. Fermentation began naturally after an ambient soak of 3 days. The skins were regularly punched down and the wine spent a total of 26 days cuvaision before being pressed, settled and racked to French oak (25% new). The wine underwent a natural Malolactic fermentation and spent a total of 14 months in oak without racking. It was then blended and bottled in September the following year.



Winemaker: Kirk Bray
Vineyard: Williams Hill, Blacks Avenue, Waipara
Harvest Date: Hand-harvested on the 10th April
2017
Harvest Data: Brix 22.8, TA g/L 7.4, pH 3.49

Alcohol (%): 13.00
Residual Sugar (g/L): 0.00
pH: 3.62
TA (g/L): 6.70
Bottling date: 11th July 2018
Cases produced: 150
Packaging: Stand-up 6 x 750ml Burgundy bottle Screwcap