



# georges road wines

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## PINOT NOIR Southbank 2020

<b>Winemaker</b>	Kirk Bray	
<b>Vineyard</b>	Georges Road Vineyard, Waipara	
<b>Harvest Date</b>	Hand-harvested 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	
<b>Harvest Data</b>	Brix 23.5, TA g/L 8.0, pH 3.52	
<b>Season</b>	A beautiful season. Warm throughout and with very little rainfall. Great conditions over flowering and fruit-set. Towards harvest time the weather was settled, warm and dry – totally ideal and conditions that had many people calling this the harvest of a lifetime. No issues whatsoever and the fruit was harvested early, ripe, clean and in excellent condition.	
<b>Vineyard</b>	The fruit for this wine was hand harvested from the Kings Road vineyard on the eastern side 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.	
<b>Winemaking</b>	The fruit was crushed & destemmed, with 10% whole bunch addition, into small 1.5tonne open fermenters. Fermentation began naturally after an ambient soak of 2-3 days. The skins were regularly punched down during ferment and the wine spent a total of 22 days cuvaision before each fermenter was pressed, settled and racked to a mix of French oak, 18% new. In oak the wine underwent a natural Malolactic fermentation and spent a total of 11 months in French oak barriques before being racked, blended and bottled in April the following year.	
<b>Wine</b>	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.	
<b>Production</b>	Bottling date:	13th April 2021
	Cases produced	350
	Packaging:	Standup 6 x 750ml Burgundy bottle Screwcap
<b>Wine Analysis</b>	Alcohol (%)	13.5
	Residual Sugar (g/L)	0.50
	pH	3.68
	TA (g/L)	6.30

