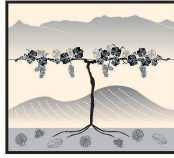


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LIME ROCK PINOT NOIR 2007

White Knuckle Hill

100% LIME ROCK Central Hawke's Bay Pinot Noir, grown in the limestone hills, especially from the steep White Knuckle Hill block and the tops of the hills. Handpicked.

2007 Season

An excellent growing season with fine warm weather through to harvest. We picked first from the top of the hills and across the slopes, where the soils are shallow; this is where the grapes for White Knuckle Hill came from. Bunches from vines in deeper soils were picked successively later, when flavours developed. In 2007 the grapes were small and even-sized, with amazing colour as the skins ripened. The colour stained our hands, when we squashed the berries between our fingers.

White Knuckle Hill is the block so named because Rodger grips the tractor wheel, fastens the seatbelt as he puts on the bird nets and checks how slippery the grass is..... The vineyard women have another name for this hill.....

Winemaking

Bunches were destemmed into small vats and cold soaked over some days before inoculation with yeast. Plunging and pumping was carried out during fermentation. Malo-lactic fermentation and aging was in 100% new premium French barriques for 8 months before blending and bottling.

Harvest 19th – 25th March
Brix 23.7 – 25.3 pH 3.36 – 3.56 TA 7.1 – 7.9g/l

Bottling Late February 2008
Alcohol 13.8% pH 3.43 TA 6.3g/l

Wine description

Dark red. *'Lively vibrant fruit on the nose with notes of liquorice and spice. A dense palate with pure blackberry and very ripe dark-cherry fruit, coffee-chocolate and spice. Sweet, concentrated and lush in the mouth with excellent complexity and wafts of fresh raspberries coming through. The considerable oak is seamlessly integrated with satin-smooth tannins. This just feels sooo nice in the mouth!'* WineNZ Magazine, Winter 2009.

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Top Pinot Noir over \$35: Wine NZ Magazine tasting, Winter Edition, 2009

Gold Medal: Australian Small Vigneron Awards 2008

Silver Medal: Bragato Wine Awards 2008

Silver Medal: Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2008

Silver Medal: Royal Easter Show 2009

Comments

This is a big powerful wine. Being able to select wine, all from new barrels, and not have dominance of oak on the palate, means that this wine has huge flavour. With buckets of colour, nice alcohol, lower pH and a reasonable acid the White Knuckle has all the attributes for a long life. The wise ones will buy a few bottles and try them every so often, seeing how this wine from a new limestone area ages.

Enjoy with

Hare civet & seared loin with red cabbage, chestnut cream, candied citrus, sprouts & sauce enriched with bitter chocolate. As served at Matterhorn in the winter, 2009. Magnificent!

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