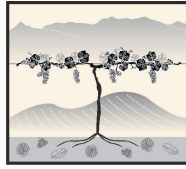


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LIME ROCK *KOTA* PINOT NOIR 2010

This 100% LIME ROCK Central Hawke's Bay Pinot Noir is grown on limestone which was a seabed some 3 million years ago and contains large oyster shells (Kota) the size of a wine bottle. These shells contribute to the unique character and personality of this wine.

Vineyard

LIME ROCK vineyard is on the high, north-facing limestone slopes of Central Hawke's Bay, 40 kilometres south-west of Hastings. The 230-270 m. altitude helps regulate the ripening period and contributes to our distinctive and concentrated aromas. Various positions in the landscape (top, mid and bottom slopes) provide a diversity of niches and micro-climates that add to the complexity of our wines. An ecologically-based vineyard management philosophy that seeks to maintain an undisturbed soil structure is followed and we put emphasis on providing floral habitat for beneficial insects. Overall our attention to detail in site selection, viticulture and winemaking are reflected in the wine quality.

We handpick on luscious flavour, often doing part rows on various small blocks, to maximise quality. We then wait for the flavour and balance, the colour of berries and stems to develop, and look at the weather before we pick those rows again, making another batch of wine.

2010 Season

This was a long cooler growing season, with fine weather through to a midseason harvest.

Winemaking

Bunches were destemmed into small vats and cold soaked over some days before fermentation kicked off. Plunging and pumping was carried out during fermentation and MLF and aging was in French oak (10% new) for 8 months before blending and bottling.

Wine description

The KOTA range is all about freshness, honesty and drinkability. Our 2010 Pinot Noir is lithe & fragrant, with a bright acid line and fine tannins. It has an almost chalky texture derived from our soils and offers sandalwood and wild raspberry notes.

Consider refrigerating for 10 minutes prior to serving.

Harvest Mid to late April

Bottling Early March 2010

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