

LIME ROCK



WINES

LIME ROCK PINOT NOIR 2013

This 100% LIME ROCK Central Hawke's Bay Pinot Noir is grown on the limestone hills and is handpicked from the small blocks on our vineyard.

Vineyard

LIME ROCK vineyard is on the high, north-facing limestone slopes of Central Hawke's Bay, 6 kilometres west of Waipawa. Our three million-year old limestone is soft and crumbly; ideal for vine growth and the best winemaking grapes. 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. We have 9 different clones and they can perform differently each year. 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.

2013 Season

This was an excellent growing season, with warm weather through to an early to mid-season harvest.

Winemaking

Bunches were destemmed into small vats and cold soaked 3 - 5 days. Wild yeast were allowed to 'kick off', before inoculation with our desired yeast. This wild component gives added complexity to the wine but, being a microbiologist in a former life, I prefer to have a 'known' yeast to do the main job! Plunging and pumping was carried out during fermentation. After pressing the wine into barrels malolactic fermentation took place; a specific bacteria converts malic to lactic acid. This softens and again complexes the wine. We use a mix of premium new and aged barriques from three main French coopers (Mercurey, Dargaud & Jaegle and François Frères; each give their specific characters). We let the fruit shine without having the oak overpower our special characters. After nine months we spent 3 days tasting and then blending before bottling.

Harvest 30th March – 3rd April

Bottling Late March 2014
Alcohol 13.5% pH 3.59 TA 5.5 g/l

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Generous spice, red berries, rhubarb and earth, with a tight herbal thread, are part of layers that work in tandem. This Pinot has freshness, delicacy, poise and unique chalkiness.

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