



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS RESERVE

PINOT NOIR 2012

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 13.5% **pH:** 3.62 **RS:** nil

TA: 6.2g/L **Brix:** 24.3 - 25.5

Tasting Notes

This wine shows a beguiling mix of bright red berry fruits and sweet oak aromas, with a lovely depth and complexity. The palate shows an abundance of sweet berry fruit and dark cherry flavours with hints of vanilla. Opulent, rich and concentrated with fine, silky tannins that provide volume and structure. This is one of the best Pinot Noirs we have produced.

Winemaker's Notes

The grapes were picked in the cool of the morning before being de-stemmed into open top fermenters. Our winemaking uses traditional Burgundian grape clones (5,777,115) and techniques of small batch fermentation and hand plunging of the cap. Some batches were given extended maceration on skins post fermentation. After pressing the resulting wines were matured in 225Lt French oak barriques (25% new). The individual batches (clones and vineyards) were kept separate during the nine months in oak, before the best barrels were chosen for this wine.

Viticulture Notes

This wine is comprised of five different picks from the Barnsley vineyard and our own adjacent Waihopai Valley vineyard. Two factors that make these two vineyards especially suited to producing great Pinot Noir are the unique combination of free draining soils (stones and silts over a clay pan) and the high diurnal temperature fluctuation. This combination produce Pinot Noirs with lovely aromatics as well as weight and concentration. All the vines were cane pruned, fruit thinned and leaf plucked. Careful attention is paid to ensure low crop levels.

Cellaring

The focused palate and balanced acidity means that this wine will age very well over the next three

Food Match

New Zealand lamb and game.



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Awards & Reviews

Cuisine Magazine - New release.

★★★★★

BEST BUY - A heady aromatic broadside greets the nostrils, with oak spice, together with red and dark berry-fruit notes, playing a merry duet. In the mouth it is ripe and luscious, with the oak lending a mocha note and the generous tannins providing background murmur.

The National Business Review - The best 2013

Lawson's Dry Hills Reserve Pinot Noir 2012 - Across the board, Lawson's Dry Hills produce an exceptional array of wines at very good prices, this Pinot Noir being one. With its lovely floral aromatics and rich, complex, spicy palate it provides a fine example of where Marlborough Pinot Noir is heading. 2012 was a very successful vintage in Marlborough with the 2013 vintage promising to be even better.

Decanter World Wine Awards 2014 - Silver Medal

Spiegelau International Wine Competition 2014 - Gold Medal

International Wine Challenge 2014 (U.K.) - SILVER MEDAL

Bright, fleshy strawberry fruit with spicy oak. Good flavour concentration of beautiful Pinot Noir fruit.

Marlborough Wine Show 2013 - BRONZE MEDAL

The New Zealand International Wine Show 2013 - SILVER MEDAL

Easter Show Wine Awards 2014 - GOLD MEDAL.