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STARBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

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TASTING NOTE

An elegant style of Pinot Noir displaying intense aromas of dark strawberry and cranberry fruits with lifted red floral and oak spices. The palate delivers flavours of ripe strawberry and raspberry fruits combined with the dark red florals. The richness and weight drive the flavours to a long, sweet-fruited finish. This is a softly textured and rich Pinot Noir with a charming fruit expression.

VITICULTURE

The fruit was sourced 100% from O'Dwyers Farm Vineyard located in the heart of the Wairau Valley.

The yield on the two cane VSP (vertical shoot position) trained vines was closely monitored through the growing season. Targeted shoot and bunch thinning was performed to produce low yielding intensely concentrated fruit. Additional fruit thinning was done on colour development post veraison to further enhance bunch uniformity.

The low yielding vines of clone 667 and 777 were carefully monitored during ripening and hand-picked at peak maturity and flavour development.

WINEMAKING

The whole clusters were gently de-stemmed before undergoing fermentation by naturally occurring 'wild' vineyard yeasts. The resulting wine was aged in both new 40% and seasoned French barrels for 11 months with intermittent stirring of the malolactic lees for increased palate weight and mouth-feel.

The wine was bottled in March with an alcohol of 14%, pH 3.68 and acidity of 5.7 g/l.

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