



AUNTSFIELD

NEW ZEALAND

Single Vineyard

PINOT NOIR 2010

SOUTHERN VALLEYS • MARLBOROUGH

Auntsfield continues the proud heritage of Marlborough's first vineyard and winery established in 1873.

Our Single Vineyard wines are made from grapes grown at Auntsfield Estate. Each wine shows the distinctive characteristics of ripeness, texture and minerality - qualities unique to the ancient Greywacke rock and Loess clay soils of the vineyard.

Pinot Noir holds a special place in our hearts. We grow the grapes and make this wine with particular care and attention. The resulting wines are distinctive for their lifted aromatics, silky mouth feel and the powerful expression of pure fruit, ripe tannin, and balanced oak.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Deep ruby/crimson, very intense

AROMA: Dark cherry, blackberry, blackcurrant and blueberry aromas are complimented by more savoury aromas of cassis, tea leaf, dried rosemary and dried spices.

PALATE: Rich, full and intense. Interwoven savoury and fruit flavours are dominated by succulent berry fruit. The structure of this wine is tight yet rich and full with ripe tannins and seamless length.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14.0% | pH 3.47 | TA 5.80

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This wine was made with a minimalist philosophy, designed to enable the characteristics of the grapes and the vineyard to be revealed. The fruit was hand-harvested, hand-sorted, gently de-stemmed and gravity-fed to tank. Fermented with a combination of indigenous and cultured yeasts, careful hand plunging was utilised to gently extract flavours and tannins from the skins. Maturation occurred in French oak barriques for approximately 10 months.

VITICULTURISTS NOTES

The 2010 season was the longest I have ever seen at Auntsfield. Spring came three weeks early, followed by a cool long autumn, resulting in harvest two weeks later than normal. Cropping levels were reduced and fine-tuned with many passes through the vines which produced very even ripening and dark, dense clean fruit which was handpicked into small baskets.



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