



AUNTSFIELD
NEW ZEALAND

Single Vineyard

PINOT NOIR 2012

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

AROMA: Blackberry, dark cherry, and floral aromas are complimented by more complex aromas of cigar box, tea leaf, floral notes, dried rosemary and thyme.

PALATE: The palate of this wine shows a rich silky texture which is full and concentrated. Interwoven flavours of spice, dark fruit and savoury characters are revealed by a succulent and fine tannin structure. The structure of this wine is elegant, rich and full with seamless length.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14% | pH 3.60 | TA 5.7

WINEMAKER 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 destemmed 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 14 months.

VITICULTURALIST NOTES

The 2012 season was characterised by a cold spring and a long cool growing season which resulted in very low crops of loose open bunches. Summer continued cool however a long warm Autumn meant the fruit ripened evenly with small dark, dense and very clean berries. A vintage with the potential to be the best ever.



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