AUNTSFIELD
NEW ZEALAND

Hawk Hill

PINOT NOIR 2021

Auntsfield continues the proud heritage of Marlborough's first vineyard and winery established in 1892.

Our Single Block wines display qualities distinctive to grapes grown within a defined area at Auntsfield Estate. Consistent quality and character over many vintages has separated these single blocks out as producing our Reserve Wines.

Hawk Hill Pinot Noir – This small 1 hectare block at the eastern end of Main slopes is situated at the highest elevated corner of the vineyard. It has a unique soil made up of dense Loess over solid crushed Greywacke rock.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Deep red colour

AROMA: Splendidly fruited, the immensely complex bouquet reveals Black Doris plum, dark cherry, floral thyme with nuances of dark chocolate, cigarbox and toasted spice

PALATE: The palate exhibits outstanding concentration and persistenc. The silky texture is complimented with velvety tannins. A multi-layered, elegant and sophisticated wine.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14.0% | 3.55 pH | 5.4 TA

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The fruit for this wine was hand-picked into small baskets then carefully and diligently hand sorted to ensure that no less than perfect fruit entered the winery. This fruit was then gently destemmed and moved to tank by gravity. A combination of indigenous and cultured yeasts was nurtured through fermentation in open topped tanks. Careful use of hand plunging was used to gently extract the flavours and tannins from the skins. Maturation occurred in French barriques for approximately 15 months.

VITICULTURALISTS NOTES

Vigour and fertility in this block is very low resulting from the dense Loess Clay and the lack of top soil. Vines are exposed to the strong hillside winds reducing shoot length and reducing berry size. These vines are spur pruned, then extensively shoot thinned and leaf plucked by hand to retain 18 small bunches per vine. The main slope block contributes earthy, dense, rich, ripe and savoury characters result from the high mineral Loess Clay soils the vines grow in.