

## AUNTSFIELD

NEW ZEALAND

Single Vineyard

PINOT NOIR 2022
SOUTHERN VALLEYS & MARLBOROUGH

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

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

AROMA: Fragrant black cherry and rich plum fruit is subtly lifted by layers of dark red florals and complex savoury forest floor, dark chocolate, cigar box.

PALATE: The palate of this wine shows the concentration and elegance of the vintage. Pure flavours of berry fruit and dark plum fill the pallet. This fruit is supported by finely polished tanning giving a plush yet silky texture with seamless length.

ANALYSIS: Alc 13.5% | pH 3.66 | TA. 5.3 g/L

## WINEMAKER NOTES

This wine was made with a minimalist philosophy, designed to reveal the characteristics of the grapes and the vineyard. The fruit was hand-harvested, hand-sorted, gently destemmed and gravity-fed to tank. Fermented with indigenous yeast from Auntsfield vineyard. Careful hand plunging was utilised to gently extract flavours and tannins from the skins. Maturation occurred in French oak barriques for approximately 10 months.

## VITICULTURALIST NOTES

The 2022 season had regular rainfall and excellent growing conditions for the vines. This resulted in strong canopies but a smaller than average crop of grapes to harvest. The wet spring period over flowering lead to small berries and bunches, but rewarded vineyards who strive for lower cropping levels through meticulous canopy management. There was a slow progression into Autumn with a drawn-out ripening period where the small crop of fruit reached optimum ripeness.



