

Cellared 6-Pack Pinot Noir Release

Tasted 30 July 2020



2017 - Cool vintage with small yields

The colour has bright clear rim, the aromas are bright red fruits combined with a spicy herbal lift with hints of a classic Negroni bitter. From a cool vintage this is energetic and fresh wine with layers of fine tannins that finishes clean, long and focused. Time will reveal its full story, drink 2024 to 2038.



2015 - Windy with small yields

A classic Ata Rangi on release, this is an intriguing and enticing wine. The fruit is starting to show notes of evolution with spice, blood orange, layered with aromas of umami and a flick of dried herbs.



2013 - warmer, low yields with small berries

Aromas are showing a move savoury spectrum. A very involved and dynamic nose of savoury aromas of morel mushrooms, black cardamom, and notes of fresh earth, sweet hay and fresh fennel. A wine of great concentration and poise on the palate, this is a benchmark wine. Drink now to 2032.



2012 - very cool, low yields

With cooler vintages like the 2017, cellaring pays off. The 2012 is showing an enticingly pretty nose of florals, cinnamon, anise and savoury notes that range from creamy black beans to shredded beef. The Palate is bright with a fluid inter play of acid and tannins. Drink now to 2025.



2011 - average temperature, small bunches, careful sorting

This was the real surprise of the tasting, a challenging season, the 2011 was a structured closed wine on release. Today it was a joy to drink, a real medley of youthful, pretty aromas of manuka, strawberry with gorgeous savoury notes. A satisfying palate with a great balance between savoury and sweet, excellent. Drink now to 2025.



2007 - very cool weather at flowering resulting in a poor fruit set. Tiny bunches and berries

Deep dark and brooding, the sheer concentration of this wine has always been a feature of this vintage. Deeply structured on release, the wine is now showing a heady nose of umami aromas with notes shitake mushroom, grilled meats, hints of olive and rosemary. The tannins have melted together to form an enveloping, smooth structured pinot. Drink now.