



## AUNTSFIELD E STATE

# HERITAGE PINOT NOIR - 2007

SOUTHERN VALLEYS - MARLBOROUGH - NEW ZEALAND

The 2007 vintage is recognised as being one of the great vintage years for Pinot Noir grown in Marlborough.

This wine is only produced in exceptional years when we feel a selection of wine exhibits amazingly defined character. The wine is made in celebration of the Heritage of Auntsfield Estate, Marlborough's first vineyard and winery.

The very best seven barrels of the vintage were hand crafted as a tribute to David Herd who established Marlborough's first commercial vineyard at Auntsfield in the 1870's. It also celebrates the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his final vintage with the addition of a small portion of the only remaining bottle of his 1905 wine.



### TASTING NOTES

**Colour** Deep ruby/crimson, very intense

**Aroma** Brooding berry fruits, boysenberry and raspberry with dried spice and hints of floral lavender. Vanilla, mocha coffee, dark chocolate and underlying savoury complexity.

**Palate** Deep rich red fruit dominated by boysenberry, raspberry and cherry. A creamy texture showing great complexity with interwoven spices, vanilla and mocha with fruit and savoury flavours. This is a tightly structured wine with silky ripe tannins and unbelievable length.

**Analysis** Alc. 14.5% pH 3.67 TA 5.8

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

In order to reflect our unique vineyard, the Heritage Pinot Noir is made with minimal winemaking influence. Hand selected fruit from the steepest vineyard rows was hand picked into small baskets then hand sorted, de-stemmed and gently transferred to open top fermenters by gravity. Fermentation was with natural vineyard yeasts, followed by an extended soak on skins. The resulting wine was gently moved into French Oak barriques and aged for 18 months.

Only the best barriques were blended back together with a portion of David Herd's 1905 Auntsfield wine to create this wine. The resulting Pinot Noir is a pure expression of vineyard character that can be enjoyed now or reward patient cellaring.



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