



AUNTSFIELD ESTATE

Hawk Hill Pinot Noir 2008

SOUTHERN VALLEYS - MARLBOROUGH - NEW ZEALAND

The 2008 Pinot Noir is a beautifully balanced wine with stunning length and complexity.

Hawk Hill is named after the majestic Harrier Hawks which glide over Auntsfield's elevated north facing slopes where a variety of low cropped Pinot Noir vines are carefully nurtured.

Auntsfield Estate has reserved the best hill side blocks for this wine. Deep ruby in colour, this intensely concentrated Pinot Noir has aromas of spiced fruit and ripe cherry with underlying savoury complexity. A rich palate of berry fruit and plum flavours with hints of mocha and spice integrate with soft tannins, to reveal a beautifully balanced wine with length and complexity.



TASTING NOTES

Colour Deep ruby/crimson, very intense

Aroma Ripe cherry, Black Doris plum and savoury notes are mixed with underlying aromas of dark chocolate, dried spices and hints of lavender.

Palate Rich and full with interwoven savoury and fruit favours dominated by succulent plum and berry fruit. The wine has a tight, yet rich and full structure with silky, ripe tannins and unbelievable length.

Analysis Alc 14.0% pH 3.56 TA 5.5

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Pinot Noir holds a special place in our hearts. We grow this grape with particular care and attention. The fruit for this wine is sourced from our naturally low cropping hillside vineyard (only 2 kg per vine /5 tonnes per hectare) producing small, late ripening berries. The vineyard's rich Loess clay soils provide concentration and richness in the mid palate and soft, silky tannins.

The fruit is hand picked into small baskets, hand sorted, de-stemmed and naturally fermented with wild yeasts. After fermentation the wine is transferred to French oak barriques for 12 months ageing. The resulting wine has delicate aromatics, a silky mouth feel and the powerful expression of pure fruit, ripe tannin, and balanced oak.



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