



## SPY VALLEY ENVOY Pinot Noir 2014



### Country

New Zealand

### Region

Marlborough

### Subregion

Waihopai Valley - F Block

### Viticulturist

Adam McCone

### Winemakers

Paul Bourgeois, Kathy Lee Sowman,  
& Richelle Collier

### Certifications

Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand

### Varietal Blend

100% Pinot Noir

### Alcohol Content

14.5%

### Residual Sugar

<2.0 g/L

### pH

3.71

### HISTORY

In the 1990's, deep in the Waihopai Valley, Bryan and Jan Johnson established 180 hectares/445 acres of estate vineyards on land considered too hard, too dry and too unfertile for wine. This pioneering spirit is one of New Zealand's most successful and Marlborough's few remaining 100% Kiwi family-owned wineries. Located up the road from a US government listening post (the Spy base) - Spy Valley Wines focuses on a sustainable philosophy and shares their secrets with us through every bottle. Sauvignon Blanc 2022 was selected for Appellation Marlborough Wine's 2022 Annual Collection - a benchmark for Marlborough Sauvignon Blancs and for others to strive to be.

### VINIFICATION and MATURATION

Grapes are sourced from the Johnson Estate F Block, which is planted on soils of clay and silty loam over a subsoil of alluvial gravels and various underlying clay pans. Grapes were hand harvested at 24.2° Brix, from the 10/5 clone vines in the F block. The wine was fermented in stainless steel and small oak vats, then barrel aged for 16 months before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright Ruby in color with aromas of plum, cherry and the signature cranberry and anise notes from this block. Typical "F Block" mid palate sweetness forms a rich mouthfilling wine. Red fruit and spice flavors, with a dry refined finish.

### ACCOLADES

90

Wine Enthusiast, 2018

