



SPY VALLEY Pinot Noir 2020



Country

New Zealand

Region

Marlborough

Subregions

Waihopai Valley - Omaka Valley

Viticulturist

Adam McCone

Winemakers

Wendy Stuckey & Emily Gaspard-Clark

Certifications

Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand

Serving Note

Vegan and Vegetarian friendly

Varietal Blend

100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol Content

13.5%

Residual Sugar

1 g/L

Total Acidity

5.6 g/L

pH

3.58

Soil Types

Top terraces with clay/silt loam, and clay-bound glacial gravel

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.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

The 2020 season followed a similar pattern to the previous year. A warm spring allowed the vines to escape frosts, while an above-average rainfall led to early flowering. Temperatures in late winter were more moderate which alleviated some of the effects of drought and led to clean, disease free fruit. Harvested as individual vineyard blocks (Johnson vineyard and Outpost Vineyard) and kept separate until final blending. Some lots were fermented naturally in open vats. Gentle plunging throughout fermentation to extract color and flavor the wine, and then drained off skins to age in French oak barrels for 11 months prior to blending.

TASTING NOTES

Fresh, vibrant and elegant structured Pinot Noir with a seductive aromas of red cherry and spice with subtle floral notes.

