

THE CROSSINGS, AWATERE VALLEY,
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AWATERE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

The
CROSSINGS

DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

Sustainably grown in the premium sub-region of the Awatere Valley, The Crossings range of wines are a pure and elegant expression of Marlborough.

The 2020 growing season was very dry, which meant disease pressure was low and some timely light rains kept just enough water flowing in their rivers. They had a classic Marlborough autumn with warm days and cool nights, which created this season's wines with a signature fresh natural acidity and intense fruit flavours. At the winery, each parcel of Pinot Noir was handled individually to emphasise the unique characteristics of each vineyard block. The individual parcels were warmed and inoculated with selected yeasts. A fast, hot fermentation followed, with daily cap management, to craft a wine with elegance and balance. The parcels were then gently pressed off, with a portion going to a mixture of new and older oak barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation. The wine was then blended, stabilised and filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Crossings Pinot Noir has bright red berry and cassis flavours with warming spice aromas. The palate is nicely balanced with fine tannins and an underlying minerality, creating a wine that is elegant, yet structured.

HOW TO SERVE

Enjoy with dishes such as lamb rack, roast pork or duck breast.

VINTAGE

2021

STYLE

Red

BLEND OF GRAPES

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER

Natalie Christen

ALCOHOL

12.5%

