

THE CROSSINGS, AWATERE VALLEY,
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AWATERE VALLEY WILD RESERVE 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 2019 growing season in Marlborough was a hot and dry one. The 2019 vintage started in mid-March and it provided them with incredibly stable weather. The Pinot Noir was harvested in excellent condition and the resulting wine shows the wonderful hallmarks that the Awatere Valley is known for. The Crossings 'Wild' Pinot Noir represents the wilds of the Awatere Valley, where extreme growing conditions match the rugged terrain of Marlborough, New Zealand. Sourced from the Medway and Willowflat vineyard, right next to the Awatere River, the site is the most inland and experiences extreme diurnal shifts that can soar to 40°C during the day and close to zero overnight. This Pinot Noir was harvested to selection of fermentation vessels, including an aged cuve for wild fermentation with 25% whole bunch. When alcoholic ferment completed, the wine was drained to French barriques for malolactic fermentation where it remained for 18 months and then filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This generous and memorable wine is lifted ripe dark berries, and underlying cocoa and savoury notes. The palate is textural and vibrant, with juicy dark fruits, perfectly balanced tannins and acid.

HOW TO SERVE

Enjoy with duck, venison and mushroom based dishes.

VINTAGE

2019

STYLE

Red

BLEND OF GRAPES

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER

Natalie Christen

ALCOHOL

13%

