



2006 Pinot Noir

Vineyards

- Waipara is a premium quality wine making region located in the South Island of New Zealand, 60 km north of Christchurch. Waipara is a specific region within the larger appellation of Canterbury.
- All the grapes for this wine come from vineyards located in Waipara Latitude is 43° south
- The Rayner, Waipara Fields and McKenzie vineyards are located in Waipara close to the winery. The soils are heavier clay loams and the terrain is gently undulating. The average age of vines varies from 6-12 years and the clones are mainly 10/5, clone 5 and 667.
- Rayner and McKenzie were hand harvest while some of Waipara Fields was machine harvest
- Fermentation was in small vessels [1500L], 3 day cool soak, inoculated with yeast, fermentation varies from 4-6 days peaking at 32° C then allowed 7-10 days on skins
- Pressing was in a traditional Basket Press
- Cooperage is a mixture of French oak ranging in age from new to 6+ years, for about 12 months
- Malo lactic [ML] fermentation is natural starting in Spring and the wine is raked and has a SO₂ addition once ML complete.
- Bottling is through 1 micron filter

Wine Making

- Harvested in mid-late April
- Harvest Brix ranged from 23 - 26 (%sugar)

Bottle Details

- 1500 cases produced
- Alcohol 13.5% by volume
- Acid is 6.0 gm/L [as tartaric]
- Volatile Acidity is 0.45 gm/L [as acetic]
- Residual Sugar < 1 gm/L

Kym Rayner - Wine Maker's Comments

- The wine is made from a selection of batch processed fermentations that highlight the different vineyard sites within Waipara. All grapes were harvested in excellent condition at 23 – 26 Brix. Fermentation involved hand plunging to yield maximum colour and full flavour extraction and traditional basket pressing.
- This Pinot Noir has a combination of sweet berry fruit and plums with a spicy savoury character from maturation in medium toast barriques.
- The different vineyards each impart their own distinctive character. The Waipara Fields and Rayner component gives body and extract, coming from heavier clay loam soils. The McKenzie vineyards give lifted fruit and elegance to the palate, coming from lighter soil.
- This wine is drinking beautifully now, but will cellar well for another 3-5 years. Excellent with Lamb, Beef or Venison and other full-flavoured pasta dishes.
- This wine has used the screw top closure to preserve fresh fruit flavours or allow the wine to age gracefully and reach its full potential with no bottle variation.

