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RED PLANET PINOT NOIR

HAWKE'S BAY 2016

I've had a long-time love for Martinborough Pinot Noir. For me, it's as close as New Zealand has come to the great wines and community of the old world.

The running gag in our cellar is that these Pinots are so different to anything else New Zealand is making they could have been from another planet . . . Mars perhaps? Then would that would make the winemakers Martians . . . from Martian-borough?

VINEYARD

Rainfall was even lower than the dry 2015 making 2016 the driest growing season Martinborough has seen in a while. Warmer than average temperatures from January to March coupled with rain at the beginning of April set the region up nicely for vintage.

A cool, dry harvest ensured high quality crop arrived at the winery showing ripeness, flavour and balance. Continuing an impressive run of high quality vintages

WINERY

Grapes were handpicked and gently destemmed, but left as whole berries. The grapes were kept cold and soaked for around a week before ferment kicked off and yeast took the temperatures north of 33 degrees. The wine was had plunged, then pressed and run to barrel, where it rested until a spring Malo. The wine has matured in barrel for around 18 months before blending.

TASTE

Out of this world spice of star anise, tobacco and sandalwood layer with dark cherry and rose petal on the nose, with an alignment of savoury earthy, herbal notes on the palate.

Alcohol: 13.5%

Standard Drinks: 8.0 standard drinks

Allergens: Contains Sulphites. Traditionally fined with egg, traces may remain



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