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W A I P A R A

PINOT NOIR Williams Hill 2012

Winemaker	Kirk Bray	
Vineyard	Williams Hill, Blacks Avenue, Waipara	
Harvest Date	Hand-harvested in two passes on the 19 th and 24 th April 2012	
Harvest Data	Brix 23.5-24.2, TA g/L 7.65, pH 3.47	
Season	A cooler than average season in Waipara and NZ. Good bud burst, no frost issues and settled weather over flowering but cooler-than-normal weather patterns for a large part of the summer across NZ meant harvest was later than usual with grapes retaining good acidity and elegance.	
Viticulture	The fruit for this wine was hand harvested from the Williams Hill vineyard on the eastern slopes of the Waipara Valley. Vineyard soils are predominantly clay and limestone based. The vines are trained to a 2 cane VSP trellis with row spacing at 2.0m and vine spacing at 1.5m. Clones are a mix of 5, 115, 667 and 777 on 3309 and 101-14 rootstock. The fruit was transported on the day of harvest to the winery for processing. Shoot and crop thinning are employed to ensure optimum fruit quality at low cropping levels of approx 1kg per vine.	
Winemaking	The fruit was passed over a sorting table before being destemmed (without crushing) into small 1.5tonne open fermenters. Fermentation began naturally after an ambient soak of 3 days. The skins were regularly punched down and the wine spent a total of 32 days cuvaion before being pressed, settled and racked to a mixture of 2 and 3 year old French oak. In oak the wine underwent a natural Malolactic fermentation and spent a total of 11 months in oak without racking. It was then blended and bottled in April the following year. The wine was not fined.	
Wine	An elegant medium bodied wine with bright red fruits intermixed with savoury and herb notes. Good palate structure and texture complimented by fine grained tannins, delicate oak and lively acidity supporting good length.	
Production	Bottling date:	10 th April 2012
	Cases produced	1000
	Packaging:	Lie-flat 6 x 750ml Burgundy /Armante/ bottle Diam cork
Wine Analysis	Alcohol (%)	13.00
	Residual Sugar (g/L)	0.00
	pH	3.57
	TA (g/L)	6.20



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