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VAVASOUR

NEW ZEALAND

2020 PINOT NOIR

It's not just the grinding winds from the west or the imposing presence of Tapuae-O-Uenuku, the towering peak that looms over Marlborough's Awatere Valley. It's not just the deep, rocky soils formed millions of years ago by relentless glaciers that molded the landscape. It's not just the arid climate marked by sundrenched days and cold nights. It's the combination of all those things together that shape the inimitable character, flavours and textures of Vavasour wines.

REGION

The Awatere Valley is a sub-region within Marlborough. It has deep Greywacke soils compacted over millions of years by ancient glaciers. Huge boulders, carried down the Awatere River, are strewn across the valley floor. River shingles, gravels and silts help bind these large rocks. The vineyards are partially protected from the prevailing northwesterly winds by a broad range of mountain peaks. Awatere Valley wines are particularly prized for their intense aromatics, ripe flavours, dynamic textures and concentration.

VINEYARD

Vavasour's 85 hectare (196-acre) estate vineyard is located at one of the marquee sites for grapes in the Awatere Valley. The climate here is noteworthy for its wide diurnal temperature swings—an attribute that contributes to strong personality and incredible balance in the wines. The vineyard's soils are low in fertility and are comprised of stones and pebbles mixed with clay and loam. The rainfall ranges from 279-406 millimeters (11-16 inches) a year, very arid by any measurement.

WINEMAKING

Our 2020 Pinot features a number of high-quality clones - 115, 943, 5, 667 and 777 - that have been carefully matched to individual terroirs within our vineyard. To extract optimum colour, flavour and tannin we used traditional, Burgundian hand-plunging techniques during fermentation. Eleven months in French oak barriques (13% new) provided additional aromatics, flavours and structure to the wine.

WINE NOTES

The 2020 Pinot Noir is bright ruby red in colour. The bouquet is bright and lively with aromas of cherries, wild strawberries and plums. The palate is bold and juicy with red cherry and fresh plums forming an intense core with fine grained tannins giving the wine structure and length. Enjoyed beautifully on its own or paired deliciously with mushroom risotto and or with dark chocolate for something sweet.

REGION

Awatere Valley, Marlborough,
New Zealand

VINEYARD

Vavasour Home Block, Favourite
and McBride's Vineyards

WINEMAKER

Stu Marfell

CLOSURE

Screwcap

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE

11 months in French oak, 13% new

ALCOHOL

14%

TA

5.3 g/L

pH

3.70

RS

0.3 g/L

CELLARING

Drink now through 2030