

MOUNT RILEY PINOT NOIR 2018

WINEMAKERS NOTES:

2018 was a year in which the Viticulture team earned their keep! We accumulated a lot of moisture in traditionally our driest months of the year – January, February and March. As a result the vines continued to produce lots of leaves and the vineyard team spent a great deal of time ensuring the fruit had the correct levels of sun exposure – lots of trimming and leaf plucking! Our 2018 Pinot Noir is a blend sourced from four of our Marlborough vineyards situated in the Southern Valley’s sub-region. Diversity of clone allowed us to make a complex and complete wine with vibrant, pure fruit character and depth of flavour. Grapes were cold soaked, fermented in small parcels and aged for nine months in French oak barriques.

TASTING NOTES:

<i>Colour</i>	Mid-red with garnet and ruby hues
<i>Bouquet</i>	Ripe cherry and plum characters are supported by hints of savoury spice and dried herb
<i>Palate</i>	Approachable with soft tannins and intense fruit flavour. Silky texture and great length.
<i>Drink</i>	Drinking well now and up to 2022. Great as an aperitif or with savoury tomato or mushroom based dishes, salmon, red meat or pasta

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir
Origin: Marlborough, NZ
Alcohol: 13%
RS: <1 g/L
TA: 5.7 g/L

