



Auntsfield 'Estate' Pinot Noir

Marlborough - New Zealand 2010

Auntsfield Estate is the home of Marlborough's first colonial vineyard and winery. The original vineyard was established in 1873 and made highly regarded wine for over 50 years. The dramatic hillside vineyard with its unique variety of soils is again producing premium wines

under the guidance of the Cowley family. The proud heritage of the land is the inspiration to produce exciting handcrafted wines of balance and individuality that display the special terroir of this historic Marlborough vineyard.

The fruit is hand-picked into small baskets, hand sorted, de-stemmed and naturally fermented with wild yeasts. After fermentation the wine is transferred to French oak barriques for 12 months ageing. The resulting wine has delicate aromatics, a silky mouth feel and the powerful expression of pure fruit, ripe tannin, and balanced oak.

Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Yields

2.4 tons/acre

Soil Type

Loess Clay over Greywacke Rock

Average Vine Age

11 years

Production

450 cases

Élevage

11 months in French barrique (40% new)

Tasting Notes

“ This presents earthy notes of loam, tree bark and damp leaves with touch of game over a core of black cherry and cinnamon toast. Medium-full bodied with a great concentration of layered fruit, crisp acid and a medium level of fine tannins, it finishes long. ”

Reviews

Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate (Lisa Perrotti-Brown) | 91 points