

LAWSON'S DRY HILLS

RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2015

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 13.5% **pH:** 3.50 **RS:** nil

TA: 6.3g/L **Brix:** 23 - 25

Tasting Notes

This is a beautifully floral and scented wine displaying cherry, raspberry and subtle sweet, smoky oak aromas on the nose. The palate is rich, silky, round and concentrated with great poise and focus. The red berry fruits combined with the French oak has produced lovely length and complexity.

Winemaker's Notes

The grapes were harvested into open top fermenters, where they underwent a cold maceration before the fermentation kicked off spontaneously. Because of the small size of the berries the hand-plunging was limited to twice per day through the ferment. The vats were left with the skins in for between seven and twenty days post fermentation, before pressing to a mixture of French oak barriques and puncheons (25% new). After ten months maceration a selection of best clones and barrels were chosen for this wine.

Viticulture Notes

The grapes for this wine were all grown in the Waihopai Valley, from our company vineyard and the neighbouring Barnsley vineyard that are planted with a mixture of clones 5,115, 667, 777. The soils are made up of clay and silt loam layered over alluvial gravels. The 2015 vintage was characterised by small berries with deep colour and intense flavours, the wonderful weather allowed us to pick this Pinot Noir as and when we wanted.

Cellaring

Two to six years

Food Match

New Zealand roast lamb or duck, wonderful with oven roasted veg with garlic and herbs.



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Awards & Reviews

Michael Cooper - Four and a half stars



Offering fine value, the deeply coloured 2015 vintage was grown on two sites in the Waihopai Valley and matured for ten months in French oak barriques (25% new). Mouthfilling, it is youthful and fruit-packed, with ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours, showing excellent concentration, texture and complexity. Best drinking mid 2018+

Winestate - Wine of the Year Annual - Best of 2017 - Four and a half stars



Amazing colour for the variety. Cherry cola characters on the nose with oaky spiciness. Well focused brooding savoury fruit flavours, chunky tannins and good oak use.

New World Wine Awards 2017 - Gold medal - 95 points

Awarded 95 points and a Gold medal at the 2017 New World Premium Wine selection.

Bob Campbell MW - 92 points - 4 Stars



Scented Pinot Noir with rich dark-fleshed plums, black cherry and smoky oak flavours. A succulent wine with a good backbone of drying tannins that help a lengthy finish. Good now, better with a little bottle-age.

International Cool Climate Wine Show - Australia - Silver medal

New Zealand International Wine Show 2016 - Silver medal

The Marlborough Wine Show 2016 - Silver medal

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