

## Neudorf Moutere Pinot Noir 2014

### The story

Based in Nelson, Neudorf Vineyards first vines were planted in 1978 by Tim and Judy Finn. Wanting to make beautiful wine, they began by planting many varieties to see which ones were best suited to their soils.

Their passion and determination paid off, when they received Bob Campbell MW's first perfect score of 100 points, for their 2014 Neudorf Chardonnay. Since then, Neudorf has built a reputation for supple and silky Pinot Noirs, combining the earthy notes of Burgundy with the sweet dark fruit of the New World. 40 years on, and the challenge is still there, better and more beautiful wine, year by year.

### The Vineyard

This is where it started. In 1978 They bought this block from descendants of the original German settlers who arrived in 1842. They live here in an old villa which was the second house on the property. Source of the original Moutere Chardonnay, some of the first Chardonnay vines planted in the South Island.

Stats: 5.43 ha. 45% Pinot Noir, 43% Chardonnay, 12% Pinot Gris. Originally planted in 1978. Varietal mix tinkered with in the early 1990's and 2000's. Moutere Clay Gravel. Dry farmed. Organically run.

### Vintage 2014

A moderate winter followed by a warm spring and dry summer produced one of the earliest vintages on record. Fruit was harvested under excellent conditions and we see wines with great textural character and poise.

### Winemaking

All fruit chilled, sorted and mostly destemmed; small % whole bunch. 100% wild yeast fermentation. 100% open top fermentation - peak temperature of 32°C. Hand plunge 3 times daily. Matured in 100% french oak (22% new) for 12 months before being racked to blend, followed by 4 months on fine lees in stainless steel tank.



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### Tasting Note

Neudorf Moutere Pinot has a long and celebrated record of excellence but this wine, this vintage, under winemaker Todd Stevens shows an ethereal beauty which lifts its head above the crowd. Elegant. Understated. Precise. Flow and purpose are evident without becoming overt.

Succulent with some lovely savoury notes with a touch a liquorice and dried florals. The oak is simply part of the wine and offers gentle support without interfering with the final push pf the fruit across the palate.

Jancis Robinson MW:

"Pale ruby. Definitely earthier nose than all the Marlborough wines I have been tasting. Very juicy yet with lots of grainy tannins and depth. Seriuos Wine."

Alcohol Percentage	14 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	5.0 g/L
Aging Potential	10+ years



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