

Lawson's Dry Hills Estate Pinot Noir 2018

The Story

Established in 1992, Lawson's Dry Hills are a talented yet humble bunch with just a little of the pioneering rebel spirit running in their veins, a sort of 'what you see is what you get'. There's no pretense, nothing flashy, just the team and what they need to make wines that they like to drink and share.

From nurturing the grapes in their vineyards through to bottling, their autonomy gives the small, hands-on team flexibility and full control. The end results? Expressive, award-winning wines that are an authentic representation of the grape variety and the land from which they are grown.

The Vineyard

From a small selection of our Marlborough vineyards including blocks in the Southern Valleys and the Awatere Valley. All are two- cane VSP pruned, shoot-thinned and fruit-thinned to ensure low crops and a complete and consistent ripeness.

Winemaking

The grapes were gently crushed into small, open-top fermenters and they were held cold for five days before being inoculated with specially selected yeast. During fermentation the wine was hand-plunged three times a day to gently extract colour, tannin and flavour from the skins. The resulting wines were left on skins for seven days post-ferment before pressing to predominantly old French oak barriques (just 10% new). The wine was blended after ten months maturation in barrel.

Tasting Note

The 2018 Pinot Noir has a lovely burgundy hue and a warm, inviting nose of strawberry, raspberry and a touch of smoky, vanillin oak. Ripe berry flavours are matched with a lovely soft mouthfeel and fine silky tannins.

Alcohol Percentage	13 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	5.8 g/L
Aging Potential	3+ years



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