

Johanneshof Maybern Pinot Noir 2016

The Story

Johanneshof Cellars is a small artisan boutique winery producing wines from hand harvested grapes only sourced from their vineyards and growers in Marlborough on New Zealand's South Island. [Text Wrapping Break] It is jointly owned and operated by Edel Everling a fifth generation winemaker from Ruedesheim, Rheingau, Germany and Warwick Foley from Marlborough. Both winemakers trained in the world-famous wine area of Rheingau in Germany, where Edel studied for her degree in viticulture and oenology at Geisenheim University while Warwick was a guest student there. They continued to work for renowned wineries in Germany and New Zealand before setting up Johanneshof Cellars in 1991.

The Vineyard

estate vineyard 'Maybern' was first planted by Warwick as a teenager in 1977, just four years after Montana planted the first substantial grape area in Marlborough. In 2000 the vines were replaced by Pinot Noir Dijon and 115 clones. Maybern is Marlborough's first steep hillside vineyard, planted on a 30° North-West facing steep slope and sits 20 meters above the underground cellar. It is close planted at 1.2m x 1.7m and dry farmed, using no irrigation. The soil type is the Kenepuru soils which is a high iron content sandstone. Using sustainable principals this unique vineyard is managed with minimum mechanical intervention.

Winemaking

Hand harvested grapes are allowed a wild ferment using indigenous yeast with 15% whole bunches with ripe stalks and seeds. Cold maceration for 2 days then fermented for 2 weeks, punching down 3 times a day by hand in 1.3 tonne open fermenters. The wine was put through malolactic fermentation in tank then transferred to our underground cellar to age in French barrels, of which 30% was new oak. The wine aged in oak for 11 months. Minimal filtration was used before bottling in April 2018.

Tasting Note

Be seduced by the nose of raspberries, cherries and strawberries. This is a powerful Pinot Noir with earthy and savoury characters of wild mushrooms and spice with a touch of smoke and a long lingering finish the soft grape tannins allow this wine to age but also to pass perfectly with food.



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Wine Orbit:

"This is spicy and savoury with lovely sweet berry undertones, displaying dark cherry, cranberry, smoked game, dried herb and warm spice notes on the nose. The palate is beautifully weighted and elegantly textured, delivering delightful fruit intensity together with sensual mouthfeel, finishing persistent and engaging."

Alcohol Percentage	13.5 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	
Aging Potential	10 + years



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