

## Terravin Eaton Family Vineyard Pinot Noir 2011

### The Story

Founded in 1999, TerraVin is a boutique Marlborough winery with a dedicated focus on growing and making exceptional hillside Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc. Terra being Latin for Earth, the name reflects a deep emphasis on terroir. TerraVin draws fruit from three densely planted sites stretching across the revered Southern Valleys of Marlborough. These hillside vineyards are afforded their true expression through low yields, gentle handling, and Gordon Ritchie's intuitive approach.

### The Vineyard

Eaton Family Vineyard, Omaka Valley, Southern Valleys North facing hillside; 100mm topsoil covers a layered, glacially deposited series of stones, sands and claybound minerals. It is the complex layers of soils and the cooler evening temperatures that give this site optimal growing conditions for a more complex and intense Pinot Noir with purity, freshness and balance. Planted in 1999.

### Winemaking

Fruit was gently de-stemmed and started fermentation naturally with indigenous yeasts after a 5 to 7 days ambient soak. Aged in barrel for 11 months. French oak; Damy, Tonnellerie de Mercurey Bottled; unfiltered and unfiltered.

### Tasting Note

This single vineyard Pinot Noir has a bright colour with a dark cherry red hue. Aromatic, floral and complex nose. Eaton Vineyard typical notes of raspberry. The palate is dry with forest undergrowth flavours. Medium bodied with full but fine tannins. A very elegant and lithe wine with a long and persistent length.

<b>Alcohol Percentage</b>	<b>13 %</b>
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<b>Dry</b>
<b>T.A.</b>	
<b>Aging Potential</b>	<b>10+ years</b>



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