

## Lawson' s Dry Hills Reserve Pinot Noir 2017

### 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

This wine is sourced entirely from our Waihopai Valley vineyards. The grapes are a combination of clone 5, 667, 115 and 777. The vines are carefully tended all year round to ensure low yields and an even ripeness. The grapes were picked perfectly ripe and with an array of flavours that we see in the resulting wines.

### Winemaking

The fruit is harvested into open-top fermenters where it undergoes a cold maceration before fermentation kicks off spontaneously. The cap (a layer of grape skins that float to the top) was punched down three times a day to extract maximum flavour. Tanks were left on skins between seven- and 20-days post ferment before being pressed into a mixture of French oak barriques and puncheons (25% new). After ten months, the best clones and barrels were selected for this wine.

### Tasting Note

This wine offers a complex array of aromatics ranging from dark, berry fruits through to savoury forest floor characters. The palate is soft and silky with exuberant berry and cherry flavours. This wine has a full mid-palate, good length and a rich, flavoursome finish.

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| <b>Alcohol Percentage</b> | <b>13.5 %</b>   |
| <b>Residual Sugar</b>     | <b>Dry</b>      |
| <b>T.A.</b>               | <b>5.9 g/L</b>  |
| <b>Aging Potential</b>    | <b>7+ years</b> |



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