

*ME by Matahiwi Estate Pinot Noir Wairarapa 2021



The Matahiwi vineyard is situated on an alluvial boulder ridge in the Masterton district of Wairarapa. With warm free draining soils and the cool dry local climate this is an ideal place to grow Pinot noir. This classic Wairarapa Pinot Noir combines lifted aromas of raspberry, blackberry, plum and herb with subtle earthiness. The palate is rich with sweet cherry fruit, chocolate, spice and fine tannins. A superb accompaniment to roast duck, lamb chops with barbequed asparagus, and Grilled Butternut squash with onion and chickpea stuffing.

Vineyard

The vineyard is planted in a range of Pinot Noir Clones that give character and complexity to our wines. Naturally Low yields and meticulous viticulture ensure clean ripe fruit is selected for this wine. The 2021 growing season was an excellent one for Pinot Noir, producing fruit with phenolic ripeness, great concentration, bold colours and excellent tannin structure.

Winemaking

The Fruit was harvested by clonal selection and fermented in small open top fermenters. A combination of Plunge and pump over techniques ensured optimum flavour extraction. After ferment the wines were aged in French barrels for 10 months, before blending and bottling.

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