

Isabel Estate Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2023

Range Story

The Isabel Estate Single Vineyard range represents a distinctive expression of each season from our beloved Wairau Valley home in the Marlborough region. Sourced exclusively from our estate and with a commitment to sustainable viticulture, we craft wines of precision with unique character, complexity and elegance.

Variety/Vineyard

Single Vineyard: Isabel Estate

Pinot Noir clones: 777, Abel and CL5

Vintage

2023

Tasting Notes

The Isabel Estate Pinot Noir reveals a vibrant bouquet of ripe red fruits of cherry, raspberry, and cranberry. This is complemented by delicate violet notes and a hint of dried herb, adding an intriguing touch of spice. Vibrant and pure in its youth, this wine promises to develop additional complexity and depth with age, making it an excellent choice for both immediate enjoyment and cellaring.

Viticulture

The 2023 vintage yielded a small crop of exceptional quality and concentration. With careful canopy management and consistently warm, dry conditions, we harvested perfectly ripened grapes, resulting in rich, intense flavors.

Winemaking

The wine is crafted from three Pinot Noir clones: 777, Abel, and Clone 5. Hand-picked and fermented separately in 4-ton open-top stainless steel tanks, 80% of the fruit was destemmed, with 20% added as whole bunches. After a 3-day cold soak, natural fermentation began, peaking at 30°C over 10 days. Following 6 days on skins, the wine was pressed into a mix of 30% new French oak and seasoned barrels. It aged on fine lees for 11 months, undergoing natural malolactic fermentation, before being prepared for bottling in the spring and aged in our underground cellar.

Cellaring Potential

Drink now - 10 years

Serving Suggestions

This wine pairs beautifully with herb-crusted lamb rack, where the savory herbs and tender meat complement the wine's red fruit and delicate herbal notes.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.62

TA: 6.4 g/L

Winemaker

Jeremy McKenzie

Accolades

GOLD MEDAL for 2023 vintage | National Wine Awards of NZ 2024

