



WINERY | VINEYARD | FARM



Flavor Profile

Anyway you look at it, our Pinot Noir is the pinnacle of what we at Mt. Beautiful are all about. Subtlety is the secret inside this wine. It begins with sophisticated fragrances of brambles and violets while showcasing an elegantly medium weight palate featuring ripe blackberry fruit, earthiness and subtle tannins. As the personal favorite of our owner David Teece, it's incredibly important for our Pinot Noir to showcase the best aspects of the varietal, therefore it is grown in the highest elevation in the vineyard.

Winemaker Notes

Overall, 2014 was an excellent vintage for Pinot Noir in North Canterbury. Very good flowering led to even bunches with well-balanced vines. Summer was normal: veering from hot days to cool nights, with a cooling easterly wind from time to time to cool the vineyard and slow ripening. The fruit for this Pinot Noir was hand picked, de-stemmed only and then gravity fed to tank. Blocks were fermented separately, but each block comprises multi clonal blends. This helps add complexity and aid integration of flavours. Seven days of cold soaking were followed by a fast ferment, with plunging twice a day to achieve an aromatic wine with good tannin balance. After two weeks of post-ferment maceration, the grapes were pressed, with free-run and pressings kept separate. The wine was then aged for 10 months in French oak barrels; 25% of which were new. The wine underwent malo-lactic ferment in barrel and was racked once and lightly fined with egg whites prior to bottling in March.

The Perfect Match

Pair our Mt. Beautiful Pinot Noir with crispy duck, wild pork and water cress sandwiches, spring lamb, or a romantic mood.

For The Aficionado

Planted 2004-2011 63225 Vines
4 Blocks @2.0x1.0 metres
14 hectares

The Pinot Noir is planted on the Southern section, which has the highest elevation in the vineyard, providing extra warmth and less exposure to frost. In addition to this our Pinot Noir is closely planted to reduce vigour resulting in lower crop levels, allowing us to ripen these grapes to achieve a true expression of this variety. Our Pinot Noir is all hand tended throughout the season and at harvest.

Our mix of Pinot Noir clones were specifically chosen for their flavour profile with 50% of the vineyard planted in Burgundy clones. Dijon clone 667 fills out the middle palate, while BDX 777 provides a long finish. The rest of the vines are a mixture of seven other clones, including UCD 5, UCD 6, 114 and 115. The aim of these selections is to build sound palate structure in the wine, providing a vibrant ruby wine with ripe fruit, subtle tannins, great length and persistence of flavour.

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Appellation

North Canterbury

Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 13.5%
TA 5.7
RS <1.0
pH 3.7

Bottled

March 2015

Production

3760 Cases

