

DRIFT TO A PLACE YOU'D RATHER BE...



DRIFT

PINOT NOIR

WAIRAU AND AWATERE VALLEYS, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

Lifted notes of raspberry, blackberries, and cherries, with subtle savoury notes. MEMORABLE

2011 DRIFT PINOT NOIR

The VINEYARD

The breathtaking Wairau and Awatere Valleys with their rich clay soils, ample sunshine, cool nights and low autumn rains are well suited to producing fruit with excellent colour and supple tannins. The fruit was sourced from a number of low cropping vineyards, which were closely monitored and tasted to determine when the flavours were at their optimum.

The WINEMAKING

The harvested fruit was chilled for five days prior to ferment to help extract maximum flavour and to enhance colour stability. A variety of yeasts were used during the fermentation process, during which the must was plunged up to eight times daily. At the completion of fermentation, a portion of wine was pressed to stainless steel tanks, and a smaller portion to new and used French oak. The wine then underwent malolactic fermentation and was matured for 4 months in barrel before being blended and prepared for bottling.

The WINE

The 2011 DRIFT Pinot Noir is deep garnet in colour, with aromas of ripe red cherries and raspberries with perfumed spicy notes. The palate is bright with flavours of ripe red plums and cherries balanced by fine textured tannins and acidity. This wine is at its best when young and fresh, but will develop more weight and complexity over the next 5 years.

MEMORABLE.