

Hawkes Bay Pinot Noir 2017

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Warren Gibson
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Founded in 1993, Trinity Hill has become a byword for quality and consistency in Hawkes Bay. Having recognised the outstanding potential of the Gimblett Gravels soils, Trinity Hill became one of the region's early pioneers, planting vines on a barren plot which continues to produce exceptional wines today. Winemaker Warren Gibson, who has been with Trinity Hill since 1997, is also in charge of the 80 hectares of vineyard owned by Trinity Hill and knows Hawkes Bay and the Gimblett Gravels exceptionally well. The wines reflect this. Warren and his team make wines that show the best of what Hawkes Bay and the Gimblett Gravels can produce. The wines have an elegance, balance, drinkability and precision of flavour that makes them a joy to drink.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for the Hawkes Bay Pinot Noir is sourced from the Esprit Vineyard and Mangaorapa Station. These two vineyard sites are situated significantly south and inland of the Heretaunga Plains. Soil types include argyllite, sandstone, limestone and sandy loam. The clones used are Abel, 115, 667, 777 and MV6.

VINTAGE

2017 was a remarkable vintage in Hawkes Bay. A moderate spring with low frost risk and generally good flowering led to an extremely dry and warm summer, recording above average temperatures in January and February before rainy weather came in late February followed by humid conditions with heavy rainfall from March to May.

VINIFICATION

Gentle handling of the fruit from harvesting through to fermentation helped retain the fresh primary fruit aromas typical of the variety. Each individual vineyard parcel was harvested separately with the majority of batches then destemmed prior to fermentation. Approximately 20% of the fruit was fermented as whole bunches including traditional foot stomping in open top fermenters. This component aids in the retention of freshness and complexity. Maturation in the cellar was for eight months in a combination of small 228 litre barriques and stainless-steel tanks.

TASTING NOTES

Primary aromas of fresh raspberry, plum and brambly spice are evident on the nose. On the palate, the wine has soft, velvety tannins and will develop complex forest-floor and earthy characters with bottle age.