Trinity Hill Hawkes Bay,

Hawkes Bay Pinot Noir 2019 Hawkes Bay, New Zealand





Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Warren Gibson & Damien Fische
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.46g/L
Acidity	5.8g/L
Wine pH	3.59
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 generally comes from cooler vineyards situated either further inland or further south than the vineyards located in the Gimblett Gravels (where the Syrah and Bordeaux blends come from). In the case of the 2019 vintage, the fruit was sourced from an elevated, limestone-based hillside vineyard south of Hastings in Central Hawkes Bay.

VINTAGE

Weather conditions leading up to the 2019 harvest were typical of a classic Hawkes Bay summer – long, hot sunny days with moderately cool nights. As autumn arrived the season became cooler yet remained dry, providing ideal ripening conditions while preserving natural acidity.

VINIFICATION

This wine is a blend of a number of clones (mainly 667 and 777), which were fermented separately, either with a high percentage of whole berries or some stem inclusion. The ferments were either gently plunged or pumped over once a day to extract a fine structure and produce a supple texture. After fermentation, the wine was matured in tank for six months and bottled early to capture the variety's beautiful perfume and freshness.

TASTING NOTES

This wine boasts fresh fruit characters on the nose, including cherry and strawberry, combined with sweet spices. On the palate, the wine has soft, velvety tannins and will develop complex forest-floor and earthy characters with bottle age.