

Ribbonwood,  
**Marlborough Pinot Noir 2023**  
Marlborough, New Zealand



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Pinot Noir</b>
Winemaker	<b>Andrew Brown</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>13%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>1g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5.8g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.7</b>
Notes	<b>Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

## PRODUCER

The Ribbonwood wines are made by Framingham's Andrew Brown. The name of this range comes from the Ribbonwood trees, New Zealand's tallest native deciduous species, which grow around the vineyard in Renwick. Sensitive to the environmental responsibility they have for their surroundings, Andrew and his team have also planted more than 1,000 native shrubs and trees to enhance the biodiversity of the vineyard and improve their wastewater management systems. They also use light-weight bottles and recycled cartons to reduce their carbon footprint.

## VINEYARDS

The grapes for this Pinot Noir are harvested from six vineyard sites in the Wairau Valley. All vineyards are trained using the 2-cane/cordon Guyot system with north-south row orientation for uniformity of sun exposure and corresponding fruit ripening.

## VINTAGE

Another very wet winter, however, late spring was drier and more settled, leading to good growth and colour in all vineyards and varieties. Yield estimates were in line with long term averages. A hot and wet summer provided a roller coaster of weather events but fortunately, a proactive vineyard management regime throughout spring and summer minimised any botrytis infection to almost zero, and the cold nights helped the fruit retain acidity and aroma. Yields were on target and overall, a much better vintage than expected.

## VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery each parcel was given a short cold soak period before fermentation commenced to harness varietal character. Plunging was gentle and once a day with an aim to retain elegance in the wine. Once dry, wines remained on skins until the tannin balance looked approachable. Components were aged for seven months in seasoned oak prior to being blended and bottled in February 2024.

## TASTING NOTES

The wine opens with aromas of dark cherry and cranberry with subtle nuances of mocha. The palate is juicy with soft tannins and persistent flavour on the long finish.