

VILLA MARIA single vineyard Seddon pinot noir 2006



Perched high on the southern bank of Marlborough's Awatere River, the Seddon Vineyard is an exposed river terrace that enjoys warmer daytime, yet distinctively cooler evening temperatures. Bound by the Kaikoura ranges to the south and the Wither Hills to the north, the site is planted on free draining sandy silt loams.

Marlborough experienced a drier than normal year helping keep disease levels very low. The accumulated growing degree-days were higher than the long-term average enabling an early harvest. These factors coupled with excellent vine health enabled the fruit to be harvested in fantastic condition.

This Pinot Noir is a blend of clones 5 and 667 grown in the Seddon Vineyard. Under careful management the vines were cropped at well balanced yields and hand picked at optimum ripeness to ensure ripe flavours and good concentration. To ensure the delicacy and structure of this fine Pinot Noir, a gentle, hands-off style of winemaking was used.

Winemaker's Comments:

A seductive bouquet comprising of perfumed ripe dark cherries and red fruits, and enticing floral aromas. The palate is concentrated yet elegant and refined, with an alluring velvety texture. This is a stylish wine that displays complexity, finesse and a harmonious balance.

Awards:

*Elite Gold – Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2008
Gold – New Zealand International Wine Show 2007
5 Stars & Top Pinot Noir – Cuisine 2008*

Alcohol: 14% | pH: 3.63 | Total Acidity: 6.08g/l | Residual Sugar: NIL | Maturation: 12 months in 28% new French barriques, 72% one year and older barriques. | Barcode: 9414416201219