

## PINOT NOIR 2018

Meaning "smoky river" in Maori, Opawa is a vineyard located on the old river bed of the historic Opawa River in Marlborough. The stony river gravels absorb the sun's warmth during the day, radiating it back onto the grapes at night, evolving the delicious aromas and flavours in these wines. Our grapes are picked in the cool of night, under the moonlight, to ensure these pristine flavours are perfectly preserved in our wines.

## WINEMAKER'S REMARKS

A medium bodied and beautifully balanced Marlborough Pinot Noir. The nose shows attractive notes of ripe plums and wild strawberries with a hint of cloves and spice. The palate displays supple red fruit flavours and soft, fine tannins. This wine has an elegant structure, silky texture and juicy acidity to give freshness, and it closes in a lingering finish.

## VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

This wine was made from selected premium vineyards in our dedicated Pinot Noir Cellar using principles of minimal handling and gravity flow. After a cold soak and indigenous fermentation the wine was pressed into French oak barriques for maturation, before being clarified and bottled in February 2019.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vintage 2018

Region Marlborough

Alc/Vol 13.0%

pH 3.50

TA 5.1 g/L

New release

