

2013 Runholder Pinot Noir

Established in 1984, our land was originally owned by the founding father of Martinborough, John Martin, in the late 1800s. The over 130 year-old cottage that still stands on our property serves as both an icon and hospitality center for our winery. Our wines come from our 250 acres of sustainably-farmed vineyards planted on ancient riverbeds. While our passion and specialty at Te Kairanga has always been Pinot Noir, we also make small amounts of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Pinot Gris.

MARTINBOROUGH

Martinborough is at the southern end of New Zealand's North Island. Roughly 90 minutes from Wellington, New Zealand's capital, this tiny region accounts for less than 2% of the country's total wine production. Martinborough is protected from the harsh elements by a range of mountains to the southwest and west creating a climate that is mild, breezy, dry and ideal for cool-climate grapes. Most of the premier vineyards are planted on stony terraces that provide exceptional drainage and high mineral content. More than half of Martinborough's vineyards are planted to Pinot Noir.

VINEYARDS

At Te Kairanga, we have 250 acres of vines planted at four vineyard sites in the Martinborough appellation. This diversity provides our winemaking team with a wide array of aromatics, flavors, textures and styles to work with. The Martinborough Terrace, considered one of the premier growing areas, is home to our Home and Mcleod Vineyards. Once an ancient riverbed, it features deep gravel and alluvial soils and a mild climate. At slightly higher elevations with more extreme conditions are our Spring Rock and Rua vineyards. All of our properties are sustainably farmed.

WINEMAKING

Under the direction of Chief Winemaker, John Kavanagh, our winemaking philosophy places a premium on the character of the site. Our 2013 Runholder Pinot Noir was sourced exclusively from the Home and McLeod Vineyards on the Martinborough Terrace. A variety of six clones were selected including Abel and 777, which represent approximently half of the blend. Each block and clone is vinified seperately with handpicked fruit being destemmed and fermented in small stainless fermenters. The selected grapes received regular hand punch-downs for full extraction without sacrificing elegance. After pressing, the wines are matured in French oak barriques for 10 months (28% new oak), before being bottled without fining.

| CLONES | _ Abel, 777, 10/5, 6, 667, 115 | TASTING |
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| REGION | Martinborough, New Zealand | Our Runholder Pinot Noir is crafted from parcels of fruit from our home vineyards and offers flavors of rich, dark cherries, spice, and hints of earthiness. A velvety texture is accented by subtle oak on the long finish. |
| ALCOHOL | 14.0% | |
| AGING | 10 months in French Oak barriques | |
| TA | 5.85 g/L | |
| PH | 3.53 | |
| RS | 0.32 g/L | |