

Borthwick Vineyard

2018 Paper Road Pinot Noir



Region: Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand

Original survey documents describe a road which was to run through the Estate family vineyard. Happily the Paper Road was never formed, and instead, gives its name to this individual range of wines

Analysis:

Alcohol: 13.8%

Total acid: 4.8g/l

pH: 3.62

Residual sugar: Dry

Tasting notes: This is about the purity of Pinot Noir with spicy savoury and bright, juicy red florals and fruits. It is medium-bodied with soft velvety tannins, a mix of tart and sweet cherry fruit with a chocolate touch to the lightly oaked finish and a spicy zestiness to the lingering aftertaste.

Vintage Conditions: 2018 was one of our earliest harvests. Beautifully hot in November, December and January and a following cool February, March allowed the grapes to ripen slowly with great flavours and aromatics. A year that showed the exacting vineyard management qualities and decisional capabilities of an experienced and valued team from our vineyard

Viticulture: Diurnal temperature fluctuations, low rainfall, low humidity and fantastic deep free draining soils combine to create an exceptional environment for Pinot Noir. Harvested from 3 vineyards allows selection of the best batches to consistently produce pure Pinot Noir.

Fermentation: Temperature controlled fermentation using a mixture of natural and inoculated yeasts combined with hand plunging to optimize the fruit and tannin balance. Following extended post-ferment maceration on skins the wine was drained and pressed to barrel. Rigorous barrel selection and blending is followed by minimal fining and filtration prior to bottling.

Oak Handling: 85% French oak aged for 8 months with a mixture of selected cooperages of which 15% of the barrels are new.

History: Established in 1996 the family owned and managed vineyard produces wine with flavours that are a direct reflection of the Gladstone region. Ancient stony, alluvial soils and a cool climate allows the grapes to grow in harmony in their environment. Sustainable practices and minimal intervention in the vineyard and winery allow our wines to display their distinctive single vineyard characteristics.
