

WHITEHAVEN MARLBOROUGH 'GREG' – SOUTHERN VALLEYS SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2017



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WINES OF MARLBOROUGH
NEW ZEALAND

Colour / Appearance:

Mid crimson with a garnet hue.

Aroma / Bouquet:

Juicy plum and cherry, with a hint of blueberry. There are of clove and star anise spice notes. The oak adds a smoky, savoury underlay.

Palate:

An elegant, full-bodied wine, with fine, silky tannins to support the bright red fruit and spice flavours. The wine has a fine silky texture and lengthy finish.

Cellaring:

The wine should keep well if cellared in an even, cool environment for 5-8 years.

Food Match:

Particularly suited to game meat dishes such as venison and duck, but also a wonderful accompaniment to other red meat dishes. Serve at room temperature.

Alcohol:	14.0%
Residual Sugar:	1.8 g/L
Acidity:	5.7 g/L
pH:	3.65

THE 'GREG' RANGE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR FOUNDER GREG WHITE 1952-2007. THE 'GREG' RANGE EPITOMISES REGIONAL AND VARIETAL EXPRESSION. THIS PINOT NOIR WAS A SELECTION OF 9 EXCEPTIONAL BARRELS.

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Grape Growers and Sub-region:

Andrew and Jan Johns, Wrekin Vineyard, Southern Valleys

Vine Management:

The vines were pruned to 2 canes on standard trellis with vertical shoot positioning. During the growing season, the vines were methodically shoot thinned, trimmed, leaf plucked and fruit thinned to ensure favourable ripening, clean fruit and to maximise flavour.

Winemaking:

The fruit was handpicked and destemmed into open top fermenters. This was cold soaked for five to six days before fermentation. During the ferment, regular hand plunging ensured optimum and gentle extraction of colour and flavour. The fermentation temperatures generally peaked at 32°C. After ferment, the wine was kept on skins for 20 days before lightly pressing. After racking, the wine was transferred to tight grained French oak barriques for 10 months ageing. 33% of this oak was new. Malolactic fermentation was allowed to occur naturally in spring. No fining or filtration was used on this wine, adding to its complexity and longevity. The bottling date was 8th March, 2018

Season:

The budburst timing was slightly later than normal and the vines experienced typical spring like conditions of variable temperatures, winds and rain. Early varieties, such as Pinot Noir, flowered in cooler conditions leading to smaller yields. Other varieties had warm, dry conditions over flowering, resulting in healthy crop levels. In mid-December, the weather became warm and dry. January was notable for strong winds that parched the landscape. The later part of the season recorded lower sunshine hours, resulting in delayed sugar ripeness and a later start to harvest.

Winemaker: Rowan Langdon

