



Nautilus

Nautilus Southern Valleys Pinot Noir 2017

New Zealand > Marlborough > Wairau Valley

Dry, Red, Still wine

100% Pinot Noir

The 2017 Nautilus Pinot Noir is dark ruby in colour. The complex nose displays dark fruits, earthy notes and a touch of toasty spice. The palate is concentrated and elegant with a fine dense core of tannins and a long savoury finish.

Terroir

Nautilus Pinot Noir is a regional blend and we continue to like the “seasoning” of different flavours and layers of complexity contributed by our different vineyard parcels. However increasingly our Clay Hills vineyard is the cornerstone parcel for this “assemblage”. Planted in 2 phases, in 1999 and 2004, with a variety of clones, this vineyard has provided the largest component for Nautilus Pinot Noir since we bought it in 2007.

Vinification

To make this wine, fruit from Pinot Noir clones 114, 115, 5, 667, 777 and Abel was hand harvested and de-stemmed without crushing to allow a portion of whole berries in the ferment. A small amount of whole bunch fruit was also included in some ferments (average 18% whole bunch). The grapes were fermented with indigenous yeast in open-top fermenters after a 6-8 day ‘cold soak’. Careful cap management, using our pneumatic punch down device, has resulted in extraction of only the soft ripe tannins. After pressing the wine was racked directly to a mixture of new and older French oak Barriques, where it remained undisturbed until filtration and bottling in March 2018.

James Suckling

94 pts

Alc.:	13.50 %
Sugar:	0.40 g/l
Acidity:	5.30 g/l
pH:	3.54



Vegetarian



Vegan