



BEL ECHO PINOT NOIR 2010 BY CLOS HENRI

WHAT IS BEL ECHO?

This wine is a terroir selection of our estate. The main difference between Bel Echo and Clos Henri is the Terroir. Bel Echo Pinot Noir is showing the delicate expression of the Greywacke stones and the Clos Henri shows the generous and unctuous expression of the clay. The fruit of Clos Henri and Bel Echo are handled the same way from the vineyard to the winery, through to the blend. All our blocks are harvested and kept separately until the blend. At that time, the winemaker decides which wines won't be bottled, in order to always be true to our quality levels.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"We believe we have to make the most of the experience acquired by the Bourgeois family, thereby making a Pinot Noir that respects the French winemaking tradition. We also believe that we ought to make a wine that respects the Marlborough character. This wine shows great classical lines while enriched with the astonishing Marlborough fruit personality. This personality is sourced from the Clos Henri terroir and revealed through its fine aromatic intensity. With the vines getting older, the quality and finesse of the Bel Echo is continuously surprising us and gives us the true potential of our terroir." Damien Yvon, Winemaker

VITICULTURE

Terroir: Greywacke riverbed (65%), Broadbridge clay (35%)

High Density Planting: 5050 vines/ha

Yield: 6t / Ha (45HI/Ha)

With early shoot thinning and positioning, a focus on canopy management, green harvest (bunch thinning) and hand harvesting; we aim to harvest the fruit at optimum ripeness –defined by soft ripe tannins, fresh fruit and good acidity levels.

WINEMAKING

This wine is fermented in large French oak vats and then 40% is aged in these large oak vats to maintain fruit integrity. The remaining 60% goes to old French oak barrels. This fine balance between the fruit and the oak enables the tannins to soften while helping to develop a vibrant and charismatic Pinot Noir.

TASTING

The nose shows lifted notes of dark berry fruits, strawberries, violets and spice. In the mouth the wine is focused and develops an attractive wild cherry character with a soft feel and a nice clean freshness. The smooth tannins support a delicately structured wine. Ageing potential: 5-6 years.



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