



CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2009

From Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé in France to Marlborough, the Pinot Noir variety takes a new dimension. The Bourgeois Family is devoted to making premium wine in a restrained and elegant style that captures the terroir and expresses it in its purest form. This underlines the dedication and passion the family puts into this beloved variety.

A NOTE ON THE VINTAGE

"The vintage 2009 was characterised by a typical Marlborough weather season and an ideal long, slow ripening period which built up great fruit aromas, good balance and complexity. This is a vintage with impressive finesse, from the fruit to the structure - a year with great varietal expression". Damien Yvon, Winemaker.

VITICULTURE

Soil: Broadbridge Clay (90%) and Greywacke Riverbed (10%)

High density planting: 5050 vines/ha

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

Our vines are trained to reach optimum ripeness at low yields. We opt for the double guyot pruning system and severely shoot thin. We open up the canopy with controlled leaf plucking to give fruit exposure while keeping the right balance between maturity and freshness of the flavour profile. Grown predominantly on clay soils, this Pinot Noir naturally has dense structure, darker fruit, and leans towards the spicy-chocolaty spectrum of aromas.

WINEMAKING

The wine is fermented in large French oak vats. It spends one week cold soaking pre fermentation. Our winemaker is looking for light extraction through gentle pump overs at the beginning of fermentation, alternating with plunging mid fermentation. Finally, at the end of fermentation the cap is only just wet. Fermentation and post ferment maceration lasts for three weeks. We aged the Pinot Noir for 14 months in 100% French oak barrels, 25% of which is new oak.

TASTING

The 2009 shows wonderful layers of lifted raspberry fruit flavours entwined with savoury notes and tobacco box characters. The mouth has good freshness, is complex and well-structured with soft, velvety tannins. This is an elegant style of Pinot Noir, displaying fine structure with lovely fruit to oak balance. Ageing potential: 7-8 years.



CLOS HENRI VINEYARD

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