

# CLOS HENRI

## CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2013

ORGANICALLY GROWN IN THE WAIRAU VALLEY OF MARLBOROUGH

“This luscious and savoury Pinot displays its rich, distinct style from our *clay soils* with velvety tannins and delicate touches of spice”.

“A WARM AND DRY SEASON WITH GREAT FLAVOURS, GOOD ACIDITY AND PROMISING AGING POTENTIAL.”



*Winemakers: Damien Iron  
& The Bourgeois Family*

### VITICULTURE

Our entire vineyard is planted in the French tradition of high density and grown on our clay soils, this Pinot has naturally dense structure, dark fruit and savoury characters. We first started dry farming in 2010 and our soils have shown their exceptional potential by stressing the vines to just the right level in order to mature fine phenolic texture and enable the roots to explore deeper the soil, thereby getting the purest expression of our terroir.

### WINEMAKING

After hand picking, bunches are sorted and 100% destemmed before being transferred under gravity into large French oak vats with no crushing (100% whole berries). After spending one week cold soaking the berries are fermented. We are looking for light extraction through gentle pump overs at the beginning of fermentation, alternating with plunging mid fermentation. Fermentation and post ferment maceration last for three weeks. The wine is then aged for 12 months in 100% French oak barrels, 25% of which is new oak.

### TECHNICAL

Climate: Dry maritime with warm sunny days and cool nights.  
Annual sunshine: 2443 hours  
Average annual rainfall: 647 mm  
Latitude: 41.3° south  
Altitude: 85–150 metres above sea level.  
Soil: Broadbridge & Wither clays  
Planting density: High at 5050 vines/ha  
Yield: 6t/ha  
Clones: 5, 10/5, 667, 777, 114, 115 & Abel  
Rootstock: RG, 101-14 & 3309  
Vine age: 8–13 year old vines  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Residual sugar: <1g/l  
Total acidity: 5g/l  
pH: 3.56  
Ageing potential: 7-8 years from vintage  
Wine match: Herbed crusted lamb cutlets or chargrilled venison

### TASTING

A fine, pure and elegant nose, with cherry, blackcurrant aromas and a hint of spice. Subtle oak emerges on a layered savoury palate balancing the juicy dark fruit, all surrounded by a silky structure and generous tannins.

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*Come taste our terroir...*

