



PETIT CLOS PINOT NOIR 2012 BY CLOS HENRI

WHAT IS PETIT CLOS?

Petit Clos, translated from French to mean 'small enclosed vineyard', captures the essence of our estate. Petit Clos wines come from our youngest vines and are a blend of grapes from our 3 different soil types; Wither clay, Broadbridge clay and Greywacke river stone. Careful fruit selection and great attention to detail was carried out in the vineyard and the winery to match the beautiful terroir we have at Clos Henri. We aim to make Petit Clos Pinot Noir in a fruity yet elegant style with plenty of savoury fruit and structure.

A NOTE ON THE VINTAGE

"Harvest began two weeks later than a typical year. The season was cool and cloudy but the weather improved in April with cool nights and warm sunny days, leading to ideal harvest conditions and great, long flavour development. Crops were down about 30 per cent as bunches and berries were smaller. Bunches were also quite loose this year so aeration was great and therefore the fruit was super clean."

Damien Yvon, Winemaker

VITICULTURE

Terroir: Wither clay, Broadbridge clay and Greywacke river stone estate grown, young vines of Clos Henri Vineyard

High Density Planting: 5050 vines/Ha

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

In the French tradition, our vineyard is planted in high density (around twice higher than the New Zealand average), together with small yields, we get better fruit positioning while rigorous canopy management gives us good aeration. The young vines are situated on both clay soils and gravels from the crossroads of the old Waihopai and Wairau Rivers.

WINEMAKING

This wine was fermented in stainless steel open tops and aged in large French oak vats for 11 months. This balance gives us a Pinot Noir with subtle oak which enriches structure while retaining fruit vibrancy.

TASTING

Subtle floral notes of dried rose petals show on the nose with nice bright red fruit, and a slight savoury aroma. The wine is fresh and rich in the mouth with juicy supple tannins, sweet cherry and a touch of herbs and spice. Complex dark fruit, plum and a hint of oak shine on the back palate as it finishes delicately. The ageing potential for this wine is between 3-4 years.



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