

WAITAKI VALLEY
NORTH OTAGO

2011 PINOT NOIR

Niche warm north west sloping, 5-15°, vineyard consisting of ancient white limestone soils inter layered with Waitaki river gravels allows grapes to truly ripen in these southerly latitudes: "Cool climate viticulture on the edge". The result; inky black dark cherry coloured wine with an intensely floral nose - violets and lavender, flavours of summer fruits

-raspberry and cherry and a savoury earthen aromas. Pinot Noir with a strong backbone of chalky minerality, fine drying tannins and focused acidity. It's nicely integrated, complex, with excellent balance and persistent length - Simply stunning!



White seabed limestone interlayered with river gravels

// These wines are a tribute to my friend and mentor, the late Howard Patterson, a visionary who recognised the viticultural potential of the Waitaki Valley. Cocooned by mountains on all sides, the Waitaki Valley wine-growing region lies 40km inland from the Pacific Ocean, stretching a mere 20km between Duntroon and Kurow on the southern flanks of the Waitaki River. Here, gentle north-facing slopes allow successful viticulture similar to Central Otago, with 1000 plus growing degree days. Unique to the region however, are the soils - free-draining river gravels, inter-layered with ancient limestone seabed. This combination of unique soil and climate gives Waitaki Valley wines their own distinctive personality; while still reflecting characteristics typical of Otago. //

YIELD	2.8 - 4.3 tonne/ha	
BOTTLING ANALYSIS	pH	3.65
	TA:	5.63g/l
	Alcohol:	13.5%
	Residual Sugar:	Dry
NUMBER OF CASES	200	



Waitaki Valley wine growing region



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PINOT NOIR Credentials

International Wine Challenge 2013, UK

**John Forrest Collection Waitaki Pinot Noir 2010 - Gold Medal
Decanter Asia Awards 2013**

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John Forrest Collection Waitaki Pinot Noir 2009

Trophy Best New Zealand Pinot Noir and Gold Medal

"Impressively dense and pungently aromatic Pinot Noir with good length and an ethereal texture. Quite an edgy style with wild herbs, floral, pepper/spice and cherry/berry flavours. High-toned wine with good purity and drive."

Bob Campbell MW 5 STARS, 2009 Vintage

"Only 1400 bottles were produced of the 2009 vintage. Deep and youthful in colour, it is beautifully scented, with highly concentrated, youthful plum and spice flavours, showing excellent complexity."

Michael Cooper 5 STARS, 2009 Vintage

"Full-coloured, with a scented, herbal bouquet, it is rich, savoury and supple, with impressive density of plum and dried herb flavours, fine-grained tannins, and excellent texture and length."

Michael Cooper 4.5 STARS, 2010 Vintage

"Fruit from gravel and limestone soils. Dark, deep ruby-red colour, this has a fresh, vibrant nose of ethereal soft red berry fruits with floral lift, lively and subtle. The palate has weight and depth with 13.3% alc. And a core of pure dark red floral-infused fruits framed by very supple, fine, sleek tannins, The acidity is racy and steely, accentuating the chalky, mineral textures, and provides great tension. The palate has a soft, luscious sustained finish."

Raymond Chan 5 STARS, 2009 Vintage



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