

PIONEER BLOCK 28

CAMP BLOCK PINOT BLANC

Named Camp Block as the vineyard site was used as a camp for the Royal New Zealand Air Force in the Second World War.

BLOCK: 28

REGION:

Waihopai and Wairau River Confluence.

TERROIR:

Soils: Windblown silts containing clay (loess) over free draining river stone.

Topography: Flat approximately 78 metres above sea level.

Climate: Maritime. While this is a hot site during the day the heat rapidly dissipates in the evening creating a large diurnal temperature range essential for acid and flavour preservation.

REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND CONTRIBUTION TO UNIQUENESS OF FLAVOURS:

A warm, free draining moderate vigour site that favours the aromatic varieties.

VITICULTURE:

3 cane Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP). The canopy is maintained through the fruit zone moderating the level of exposure the grape has to sunlight. This helps maintain a certain varietal fruit driven expression.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were gently harvested and pressed. The free run juice was fermented in stainless steel with the selected yeast M2. Post fermentation the wine was left on lees to add complexity and roundness to the palate. Components of two selected parcels were blended post ferment, lightly fined and carefully finished for bottling.

COLOUR:

Pale straw.

AROMA:

Perfumed white flower and honeysuckle blossom. Fresh green apple, star anise with a hint of white pepper.

PALATE:

Ripe citrus and greengage plum layered with citrus and grapefruit peel. This dry, refreshing crisp palate is versatile and will age gracefully with careful cellaring.

AGEING:

Perfectly balanced for immediate enjoyment, this wine will continue to evolve and reward over the next five years.

WINE ANALYSIS:

Alcohol 12.5% v/v, Residual sugar 4.8g/L, Acidity 6.8g/litre, pH 3.46

FOOD MATCH:

An exceptionally versatile wine, this Pinot Blanc will complement a wide range of afternoon canapes or grilled fish with fennel salad and lemon mayonnaise.

VEGAN FRIENDLY



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