



CLEARVIEW
ESTATE WINERY

2009 PINOT NOIR DES TROIS

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The original concept occurred to winemaker/owner Tim Turvey following promotional trips round the USA with six other top New Zealand wineries collectively coined the Magnificent Seven. "We were the only NZ winery on the promotional tour without a Pinot Noir in our range" says Tim. "I decided there and then that I would love to create a Pinot Noir utilising their collective expertise but with a definite difference that would rival them all."

"Since we didn't grow Pinot Noir in our vineyards in Te Awanga, I decided to source the grapes from three of New Zealand's best Pinot regions: Central Otago, Waipara and the Wairarapa, from three of my favourite producers" says Tim. Since our initial bottlings and having learnt a great deal about making Pinot, we have narrowed the choice of vineyard down to two parcels in Martinborough and locally in Te Awanga.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

The wine was hand plunged then sealed post-ferment to allow extended maceration at 18-20°C to give extra body and tannin extraction. The wine was then gently pressed and matured in French oak barrels. Some of the wine was left on light yeast lees for 8 months for extra body. At the end of maturation the wine was gently racked under inert gas to tank and lightly fined with free range egg whites before bottling unfiltered. The 2009 vintage has delivered a wine that is more subtle than our usual block buster, "something to appeal to the true pinotophile" says Tim. Cherry, mocha and red berries dominate the front palate, underpinned with a brambly, earthy solidity of ripe tannins and cedary oak.

SUGGESTED DRINKING DATES

Now to 2015 or longer for a more complex style.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

TA 5.5 pH 3.65 <2g/litre residual sugar 14.5% Alcohol

ACCOLADES

Gold medal New Zealand International Wine Show 2011