



EQUINOX

WAIPARA HILLS

The Spring Equinox marks the first burst of bud and the Autumnal Equinox signals the time for harvest. Our Equinox wines are of limited edition, and lovingly hand crafted to capture the unique essence of the Waipara Valley.

2014 PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD REGION

Sourced from The Mound Vineyard in the Waipara Valley, where there is a layer of clay across the soil surface which adds complexity to our wines.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The cool spring slowed down the start of the season, but a warm and stable summer gave the best possible conditions for fruit and flavour development. Some rain at the start of the harvest period slowed things down, but didn't affect the overall quality.

VINIFICATION

Beautiful ripe bunches were handpicked and mostly destemmed, with just enough left intact to provide one fermenter of 30% Whole Bunch component. The tanks were chilled for a seven day cold soak to extract colour and berry fruit flavours. Fermentation took seven days at a peak temperature of 32°C and hand plunged three times per day. Once dry the wine was left on skins for up to four weeks to build structure from both skin and seed tannin. The wine was then pressed off and settled for 24 hours before going to barrels. In early Spring they went through malolactic fermentation after which, sulphured. In February the wine was blended, fined using natural methods and finished for bottling.

WINE:	2014 Waipara Hills Equinox Pinot Noir
COLOUR:	Purple garnet.
NOSE:	Juicy red berries, spice, rich cocoa and freshly dug earth.
PALATE:	Nicely textured, rich and complex flavours of sweet red berries. A really elegant structure which fills the mouth with ripe fruit tannin and lingers long after the wine's gone.
OAK:	9 months in French oak barriques. 30% new.
SERVE:	At room temperature matched with lamb, duck or roasted mushrooms.
CELLARING:	10 +years.
ANALYSIS:	ALC 13 % ACIDTY (TA): 6.37 pH 3.51

“Rich and dense with dark brooding fruit and spice notes. This wine will certainly develop over time, if it's allowed!”

Andrew Brown,
Waipara Hills Winemaker



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