Neudorf

Neudorf Tom's Block Pinot Noir is a striking expression of New Zealand Pinot Noir, showcasing the elegance and complexity of fruit from the Nelson region, with layers of red berry and earthy tones.

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Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Nelson, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

Neudorf Vineyards is located in the **Moutere Hills** in the Nelson region on New Zealand's South Island. Nelson is renowned for its sunny yet cool maritime climate, which is ideal for the **cultivation of Pinot Noir**. With long sunshine hours tempered by sea breezes, Nelson's climate ensures a **slow, even ripening process**, preserving acidity and enhancing the intensity of the fruit.

The **Moutere clay soils** are rich in gravels, providing excellent drainage while maintaining essential moisture, a perfect balance for high-quality vine growing. These soils contribute to the **elegance and complexity** of the wines, giving them both structure and minerality. The vines in Tom's Block benefit from the well-draining hillside vineyards, which naturally reduce yields, resulting in **intense and concentrated fruit**.

Winemaking

Neudorf Vineyards focuses on **minimal-intervention winemaking**, allowing the characteristics of the terroir to shine. The Pinot Noir is harvested by hand, ensuring only the finest fruit is selected. Fermentation is carried out with **natural yeasts**, and the wine undergoes a gentle maceration to extract flavor and tannins.

Tom's Block Pinot Noir is aged in **French oak barrels** for about **10 to 12 months**, with a mix of new and seasoned oak, ensuring that the delicate Pinot Noir fruit is not overwhelmed by oak influence. This aging process enhances the wine's texture and complexity, creating a balance between the fruit's vibrancy and the subtle oak notes.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with a garnet rim.
- **Aroma**: A fragrant bouquet of **cherry, raspberry**, and **wild strawberries**, interwoven with hints of **earth, forest floor**, and subtle **oak spices**.
- **Palate**: On the palate, the wine reveals **bright red fruit flavors** such as **cranberry and cherry**, supported by fine-grained tannins and refreshing acidity. There are earthy notes of **sous-bois** and a touch of spice from the oak, leading to a long, elegant finish with excellent balance.

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Did You Know?

The name "Tom's Block" honors **Tom Finn**, the son of Neudorf founders Tim and Judy Finn. Neudorf is recognized for its commitment to **sustainable viticulture**, with a focus on organic practices and minimal intervention in the winemaking process. This dedication to sustainability has helped establish Neudorf as one of New Zealand's most respected boutique wineries.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck confit with cherry sauce**: The acidity and fruit-driven character of the Pinot Noir complement the richness of the duck, while the cherry sauce echoes the wine's fruit notes.
- **Wild mushroom risotto**: The earthy notes in the wine harmonize beautifully with the umami flavors of the mushrooms, making for a balanced pairing.
- **Roasted lamb with rosemary**: The herbal qualities of the lamb bring out the subtle savory elements of the wine, while the Pinot's acidity cuts through the richness of the dish.
- **Grilled salmon with a herb crust**: The bright acidity and red fruit flavors of the Pinot Noir work well with the richness of the salmon and the fresh herbs in the crust.

93 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 93 Points (2019)

Despite the dry, hot season, the 2019 Tom's Block continues to be its broody, full-bodied self. It's a satisfying hunk of a Pinot that embraces you with its breadth. Imagine a well-hung piece of steak cooked over a barbecue and you'll get the impression of this wine, with its smoky, savory, almost meaty essence. On the long finish, there's black cherry fruit, delicate oak spice (likely from the nicely chosen proportion of new – just 15%) and resolved chocolaty tannins that coat the mouth, commonly found from the clay-gravel soils in this part of Nelson. Good job.

93 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2019)

There's such fresh and attractive ripe red cherry on offer here with plenty of spice and perfume, too. The palate has juicy cherry flavor at the core and the tannins are so nicely crafted. Fresh style with good intensity. Drink now.