



# Greywacke

A beautifully fragrant Marlborough Pinot Noir, Greywacke 2022 seduces with dark berry perfume, silky tannins and a savoury, smoky finish of remarkable finesse.

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*Kevin Judd*



## Pinot Noir 2022

Marlborough, New Zealand

### Region and Vineyards

Greywacke Pinot Noir 2022 comes from **Marlborough's Southern Valleys**, a sub-region prized for Pinot Noir because its clay-influenced soils bring more structure and depth than the region's lighter, stonier Sauvignon Blanc sites. The fruit was grown principally in Yarrum Vineyard, set on the ridge between the Brancott and Ben Morven Valleys, with additional parcels from hillside vineyards in the Omaka Valley.

These sites are planted on wind-blown loess over clay-loam soils with varying gravel content, a combination that encourages aromatic intensity, supple tannins and savoury complexity. The vineyards include Dijon clones 115, 777 and 667, alongside smaller parcels of UCD5, 828, 943 and AM10/5. High-density hillside plantings, trained to two-cane VSP at 3,800 vines per hectare, help deliver concentration, balance and precise varietal expression.

### Winemaking

The wine is made from **100% Pinot Noir**, with grapes hand-harvested and chilled overnight before hand-sorting. Most of the fruit was destemmed into open-top fermenters, although the majority of ferments included a proportion of whole bunches, adding aromatic lift, spicy detail and structural poise.

After a pre-fermentation soak, the must fermented with indigenous yeasts and was plunged daily for gentle extraction. Following fermentation, the wine was pressed, raked and matured in French oak barriques, 30% of them new. Individual clones were aged separately for 11 months, then blended in February 2023 and bottled in June. The finished wine has 13% alcohol, pH 3.72 and acidity of 5.6 g/l, underscoring its medium-bodied, bright and finely balanced profile.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby with a translucent Pinot Noir glow, suggesting freshness, elegance and a medium-bodied structure.
- **Aroma:** Fragrant and expressive, with boysenberry, blackberry, plum and dark cherry layered with rose petal, kola nut, woodsmoke, allspice and subtle earthy tones.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied, bright and silky, showing black liquorice, plum pudding, blackberry and savoury spice. Fine tannins carry the fruit gracefully into a lingering, earthy and gently smoky finish.

### Did you know?

Greywacke takes its name from New Zealand's abundant grey sandstone bedrock. The estate was founded in 2009 by **Kevin Judd**, the original winemaker at Cloudy Bay, who directed its first 25 vintages before creating his own family label in Marlborough.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Glazed duck breast:** The wine's dark berry fruit, bright acidity and silky tannins pair beautifully with the richness and sweetness of duck.
- **Mushroom risotto:** Earthy mushroom flavours echo the wine's savoury tones, while its freshness keeps the dish lifted.
- **Herb-crusted lamb loin:** Pinot Noir's spice, plum and gentle tannin complement tender lamb without overpowering it.
- **Roasted beetroot with goat's cheese:** The wine's floral lift and red-fruited freshness balance the beetroot's sweetness and the cheese's tang.

#### Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 96 Points (2022)



*This is a wine that reminds us why we love the fermented grape in the first place. From the heady, hopelessly charming perfume of mixed berry compote, peppery spice, sage and dried flowers on their stalks, to the wonderfully bright acidity that plays alongside taut, sinewy tannins and tangy berry, floral and herbal notes—it's hard to resist. Characterful and expressive, with enough structure to pair with glazed duck or to cellar for several more years.*

#### James Suckling (JS) : 92 Points (2022)



*Interesting aromas of flint, graphite, dried strawberries and dark cherries that follow through to a medium body with firm tannins and a fresh and linear finish. A little reserved now, but will open nicely with time. Try after 2026. Screw cap.*



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**Wine Spectator (WS) : 91 Points (2022)**

*There's plenty to admire in this red, with pure and generous notes of blueberry, marionberry and blackberry that are complemented by crushed pine needle, loam and black tea accents. Offers terrific structure, including a fresh thread of acidity. Drink now through 2035. 750 cases imported.*



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