



Greywacke

The Greywacke Pinot Noir is a beautifully structured and spicy expression of Marlborough Pinot Noir, offering a vibrant palate of red and black fruits combined with earthy and smoky complexities.

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Pinot Noir 2021

Marlborough, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

The fruit for the **Greywacke Pinot Noir** was sourced from vineyards in **Marlborough's Southern Valleys**, particularly the **Yarrum Vineyard** on the **Brancott/Ben Morven ridge**. The vineyards are known for their **clay-loam soils**, which contribute to the wine's rich texture and depth. The sub-region's wind-blown loess soils, interspersed with gravel, allow for excellent drainage, which helps produce concentrated fruit with fine tannins.

The vineyards are planted with a mix of **Dijon clones 115, 777, 667**, along with smaller parcels of **UCD5** and **AM 10/5**. These clones are known for producing wines with complex flavors and good aging potential. The vineyards are planted on hillside sites with a **high vine density of 3,800 plants per hectare**, which enhances the intensity and concentration of the fruit.

Winemaking

The **Greywacke Pinot Noir** was meticulously crafted using hand-harvested grapes that were chilled overnight before sorting. Most of the fruit was **destemmed**, with a small portion left as **whole bunches**, adding structure and complexity to the final wine. The fruit was cold-soaked on skins before undergoing **indigenous yeast fermentation** in open-top fermenters, with daily plunging to gently extract tannins and color.

After fermentation, the wine was pressed and transferred to **French oak barriques**, of which **30% were new**, where it aged for **11 months**. Each clone was aged separately, allowing the unique characteristics of each to shine through. The wine was then blended and bottled.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby red.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of **red and black cherries, ripe strawberries, plums**, and juicy **blackberries**, intertwined with spicy notes of **cinnamon, clove**, and a hint of **nutmeg**. There is also a subtle, smoky complexity.
- **Palate:** The palate is finely structured, with a burst of red and dark fruits complemented by earthy undertones and a distinctive smoky edge. The tannins are refined, giving the wine a silky texture, and the finish is long and satisfying with lingering spice.
- **Finish:** Long and balanced, with a complex mix of ripe fruit, subtle spice, and a smoky character.

Did You Know?

This vintage in Marlborough was notable for its reduced yields, which were caused by a dry winter, early budburst, and challenging weather conditions during flowering. Despite the smaller crop, the fruit that was harvested displayed excellent concentration, leading to wines of exceptional quality.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast duck with cherries:** The wine's red fruit flavors and spice complement the richness of roasted duck and the sweetness of the cherries.
- **Grilled lamb with rosemary:** The savory, smoky complexity of the wine pairs beautifully with the earthy and herbal notes of rosemary-infused lamb.
- **Mushroom risotto:** The earthy and smoky notes in the wine match well with the umami flavors of mushrooms and creamy risotto.
- **Herb-crusted pork tenderloin:** The fine tannins and rich fruit profile enhance the savory flavors of the herb crust while balancing the richness of the pork.

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)



Dark chocolate, walnuts, dried flowers, orange peel, and lead pencil. Medium-bodied with firm and racy tannins that give a linear feel and focus to this wine. Compact and polished tannins that run deep into the wine. Solid and curated texture. Drink or hold.

Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2021)



Layered with red apple blossom, cherry, strawberry, hints of pomegranate molasses and black tea, the 2021 Pinot Noir is floral and pretty on the nose. In the mouth, the wine is all of these things, lingering through the detailed and finessed finish. The silky tannins speak to the Southern Valleys vineyard from which the fruit is sourced. There is density ensconced with the light framework of the wine. Very good!



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Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2020)

Cherry preserves, cocktail bitters, dusty, peppery spice and dried flowers are all at the fore on this fragrant, easy-to-like Pinot. There's a brightness and lightness to the fruit, thanks to lovely acidity. It's all wound up in well structured, textural tannins, with a mineral through line. A tightrope of elegance, power and age-worthiness, this hasn't reached its peak yet and has perhaps a decade left in it.



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