



# SINGLE ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2011

## INTRODUCTION

Made with grapes from one place, ARA single estate wine aims to deliver more surprise, more excitement and more enjoyment. Fusing the time-honoured art of winemaking with fresh ideas, we amplify and refine the natural qualities of our remarkable Wairau Valley location. The result is a strikingly different Marlborough, New Zealand experience.

Single Estate wines are a fusion of grapes sourced from all areas of ARA's single estate vineyard and considered its' most complete expression, year on year delivering true consistency in terms of style, flavour and balance.

## HARVEST & WINEMAKING

This Pinot Noir has been built from the typical low yielding vines at Ara, which provides a complex savoury structure with soft tannins. The younger vines selected provide the more accentuated fruit aromatics of typical intense Marlborough strawberry and ripe cherry characters. The 2011 grape harvest, which took place from the second week of March to the first week of April, was a combination of hand picking and machine. The blend of early and later picks also contributed to the fusion of primary fruit and savoury aromas. Fruit was destemmed but not crushed and transferred by gravity to tank for 5-7 days cold soak at ~8 C followed by fermentation and skin contact of 10-15 days. Fermentation temperatures peaked between 28 - 32C. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel to further integrate the fruit and oak for 6 months, which consisted of 10% new and 90% older fine grained French barrels.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol content (%v/v)	13.9
Titratable acidity (as Tartic Acid) (g/L)	6.2
pH	3.7
Total sugars (g/L)	<1

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## TASTING NOTE

A classical expression of Marlborough Pinot Noir but with the added complexity and rich texture that you can expect from Ara wines.

Dark raspberry and rich boysenberry fruit flavours emerge from a soft and savoury wine, rounded out with elegant fine tannins.



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