

2014 Giesen Clayvinproduct-pdf - Pinot Noir Single Vineyard Marlborough - 97 pt. Pinot Paradise

Why We're Drinking It

"Unendingly long finish". Now THAT'S what you want to hear about a laser-sharp, complex and intense Pinot Noir with 97 points (!) that is nearly 50% OFF anywhere else on Earth! And what a treat it is to drink this wine - wow!

On the north facing slopes of the Southern Valleys, Clayvin vineyard was planted in 1991 primarily with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and with a few parcels of Syrah. In the tradition of a French vineyard, it is densely planted with multiple clones on a wide range of rootstocks dotted across the hillside. This high density means the vineyard produces 'one bottle of Clayvin wine per vine'. Certified organic, to boot!

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We have a mere 10 cases or so to offer you -- a real rarity and wine to open on special occasions, to be sure! While it lasts!

Tasting Notes

Earthy, with wild strawberry and red cherry. It's restrained with good intensity and a structured foundation, finishing with great length.

VARIETAL

Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

Marlborough, New Zealand

ALCOHOL

14.50

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Pinot Noir

The Story to Know

Oldest brother Theo lead the interest in wine with his siblings when the family moved to a new home which stood in front of a steep slope worked into 11 terraces planted with Riesling. Young Theo was taken under the wing of two of the family's neighbours, who helped him replant the vineyard to Sylvaner and taught him how to tend it. Harvest became a family affair and the grapes were sent to a nearby winemaker who made around 40 dozen bottles that the Giesen family gave away to friends and family.

While the Giesen brothers had wine on one side of the family, family on their mother's side were stonemasons who ran their own business. Their grandfather established a granite and marble company, which their parents ran, from the outset the three brothers appreciated entrepreneurial spirit.

Ratings

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