



NOBILO ICON



2015 PINOT NOIR

MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

BACKGROUND

Icon is the flagship of Nobilo Wines, one of New Zealand's pioneer estates, established by the Nobilo family in 1943. Nobilo Icon Pinot Noir is a wine of exceptional palate weight and length, with a superb balance of opulent fruit flavors, clean minerality, and mouthwatering acidity.

FROM A SPECIAL VINEYARD

100% Marlborough fruit from one of Nobilo's finest estate vineyards:

Hay Block, Waihopai Valley

Waihopai Valley experiences slightly warmer days and cooler nights than Wairau Valley. Wine from this block is elegant and well balanced, displaying great fruit intensity and depth of flavor. Dark berry fruit with a good tannin structure allows for longer aging in toasty oak barrels.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested and destemmed without crushing. This allows for a portion of whole berries in the ferment that provide the wine with a fresh-berry fruit lift, creating a fruit-driven and more complex wine. The grapes were cold soaked for five days with gentle, daily plunging to promote extraction of color and flavor without harsh tannins.

After the tanks were warmed to 64°F, specialized Burgundy yeast strains were added. The tanks were allowed to reach a maximum of 90°F and plunged up to four times a day. The wine sat on the skins until the rich, dark-red color was achieved. 100% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was barrel matured, 25% in new French oak.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

3–5 years.

AROMA

Rich aromas of red raspberry and cherry with intensely aromatic dark fruits and a hint of oak.

PALATE

Flavors of rich, dark berry fruit with savory oak notes. The tannins frame the fruit concentration beautifully.

FOOD PAIRING

Perfect with mustard and herb-crusted rack of lamb or char-grilled tuna.

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COMPOSITION:
100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:
Marlborough, New Zealand

HARVEST DATE:
March 2015

TA: 5.9g/L

PH: 3.54

RS: 2.5g/L

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

NEW ZEALAND

