



NOBILO ICON



2016 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 Nobilo's Castle Cliffs Vineyard – Awatere Valley

CASTLE CLIFFS VINEYARD – Awatere Valley

Planted with 20-year-old vines, this vineyard's southern aspect, low rainfall, and windy terrain combine to produce small berries with intense color, aromas, and vibrant berry flavors and sweet spice.

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 to promote extraction of color and flavor without harsh tannins, fermented for six days, and spent five days on the skins after fermentation.

A mixture of wild and cultured yeast strains were used to enhance complexity and mouthfeel. The wine underwent 100% malolactic fermentation and was 100% barrel matured. After 10 months aging in barrel, the wine was blended and filtered.

CELLARING POTENTIAL: 3–5 years.

AROMA: A great mix of red and dark berry fruit with lifted, chappy oak.

PALATE: Rich and concentrated with blackberry, dark cherry, and a hint of strawberry. Oak from aging helps frame the fruit characters while fine, soft tannins provide good structure.

FOOD PAIRING: Perfect with mustard & herb-crusted rack of lamb or char-grilled tuna.

COMPOSITION:
100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:
Marlborough, New Zealand

HARVEST DATE:
April/May 2017

TA: 5.57g/L

PH: 3.56

RS: 1.9g/L

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

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