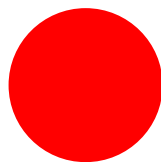


# STARBOROUGH

MARLBOROUGH - NEW ZEALAND



## 'FAMILY ESTATE' PINOT NOIR MARLBOROUGH 2017

### TASTING NOTE

A stylish wine showing aromas of red cherry and dark plum complemented with a subtle savoury complexity and red florals. The succulent palate has rich sweet flavours of bright red cherry and berry fruits interwoven with spice and red liquorice. The fine tannin structure and balanced acidity flow to a silky smooth lingering finish.

### VITICULTURE

The yield on the spur pruned (O'Dwyers Farm Vineyard) and two cane VSP (Long Lane Vineyard) trained vines were closely monitored through the growing season. Targeted shoot and bunch thinning was performed to produce low yielding intensely concentrated fruit. Additional fruit thinning was done on colour development post veraison to further enhance bunch uniformity. The low yielding vines of clone 115, 667 and 777 were carefully monitored during ripening and hand-picked at peak maturity and flavour development.

### WINEMAKING

The whole clusters were gently de-stemmed before undergoing fermentation by naturally occurring 'wild' vineyard yeast. The resulting wine was aged in both new 25% and seasoned French barrels for 11 months with intermittent stirring of the malolactic lees for increased palate weight and mouth feel.

The wine was bottled in March with an alcohol of 14.0%, pH 3.6 and acidity of 5.8 g/l.

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4.5 Stars (90/100) – Sam Kim Wine Orbit

4 Stars (17.5/20) – Raymond Chan Wine Reviews



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