

te Pā Pinot Noir

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: New Zealand

REGION: Marlborough

APPELLATION: Marlborough

CEPAGE: 100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING: The wine sees a wild yeast fermentation.

AGING: 11 months in 228L French oak, 25% is new

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 1,000

THE STORY

te Pā winery is located on the Wairau Bar in Marlborough, New Zealand's earliest known settlement. Before the MacDonald family started te Pā in 2003, their family history was already deeply rooted in the Wairau Bar for over 800 years. The location is the ideal place to grow Sauvignon Blanc, nestled between the river to the south, and Cloudy Bay on the eastern boundary. These two bodies of water mediate the temperature and encourage air flow throughout the vineyards. The effect is more even ripening of the grapes, a lower diurnal shift, and decreased disease in the vineyards. Sauvignon Blanc vines were first planted in 2003 with the inaugural release in 2011. Now with over 400 ha under vine, the family has expanded their vineyards to Awatere Valley near Seddon, which is than Wairau Bar.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Brooding Complexity

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Bright red cherry, raspberry, and floral notes

MOUTHFEEL: Full, concentrated, silky, and juicy

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 90pts James Suckling

SUSTAINABILITY: Certified Sustainable, Vegan

