

Ataahua  
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# Ataahua Pinot Noir

## ATAAHUA 2019 PINOT NOIR

ALCOHOL: 14%  
PH: 3.43  
HARVEST DATE:  
MID APRIL 2019  
RESIDUAL SUGAR:  
<1 G/L  
DRY RED

The Pinot Noir grapes for this wine are grown on vines over 20 years of age, from a variety of clones - including our original 10/5, plus 114 and 115.

The grapes for this wine were hand-harvested when the fruit was ripe and in excellent condition. The growing season was slightly cooler than the previous year, which allowed complex flavours to develop fully by the later harvest.

Following a warm fermentation in one-tonne vats with regular daily plunging, and three weeks resting on skins post fermentation, this wine was gently pressed. The following 12 months maturation - in seasoned French oak barrels - has allowed the wine to complete the secondary fermentation, which means the tannin softens

and integrates into the wine. Blending and bottling followed this.

### TASTING NOTES

This Pinot Noir has a bouquet of sweet berry fruit, and cherries. With notes of earthy forest floor and mushrooms, the palate is elegantly well balanced with fine tannins and boasts a lingering finish. This is delicious when served with many red meat dishes, and is particularly good with duck, pork or a rich mushroom risotto. The flavours in this wine develop beautifully in the wineglass and is best enjoyed at room temperature.