



## JOHN MARTIN PINOT NOIR 2020

Established in 1984, Te Kairanga is an important part of the Martinborough wine story. Our vines are planted on land that was originally owned by the founding father of Martinborough, John Martin. While our land is steeped in history, our winemaking is very much focused on the future; “to fully realise the potential of this incredible piece of land,” according to our Chief Winemaker John Kavanagh. Pinot Noir is at the beating heart of Te Kairanga. Small parcels of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Riesling showcase the abundance of our region.

### OUR VINEYARDS

Our home, Martinborough, is roughly 90 minutes from Wellington and accounts for less than 2% of New Zealand’s total wine production. Protected from the harsh elements by a range of mountains to the southwest and west, it has a mild, breezy, dry climate, ideal for cool-climate grape growing. With four vineyard sites in the Martinborough appellation, our winemaking team have a wide array of aromatics, flavours, textures and styles to work with. The Martinborough Terrace, considered one of the premier growing areas, is home to our Home and McLeod Vineyards. Once a riverbed, it features deep ancient alluvial gravel soils. At slightly higher elevations with more extreme conditions are our Spring Rock and Rua vineyards. All of our properties are sustainably farmed.

### OUR WINEMAKING

Under the direction of Chief Winemaker, John Kavanagh, our winemaking philosophy places a premium on the character of each vineyard. Crafted from our best vineyard parcels on the Martinborough terrace, John Martin Pinot Noir is a true expression of where we are. Our fruit is derived from nine clones, including the Abel clone, from our Home and McLeods Vineyards. It is hand-picked block by block, hand sorted and destemmed, with 15% whole bunches retained. Whole bunch fermentation helps add intrigue and savoury notes. Fermented with wild yeast and hand plunged, the wine is aged for 10 months in the finest French oak barrels and bottled without filtration. Our gentle winemaking techniques ensure this wine captures the inimitable personality of the terrior and Te Kairanga.

### VINTAGE 2020

A smaller, compact harvest with excellent quality. A wet spring allowed good vine growth and the warm, dry Martinborough summer arrived in January and carried through to late in the harvest. Harvest started early, with fine conditions throughout enabling us to finish picking by mid April.

### TASTING NOTE

An elegant bouquet of red plum, bramble blackberry with baking spice leads to a bold richly textured palate. Bursts of dark berry fruits and exotically spiced tannins make this a deep wine with concentration and texture further rewarded with careful cellaring. Best paired with a hearty venison and juniper stew.

CLONES	Abel (53%), 115 (11%), 5 (10%), 6 (9%), Dijon (12%), 10/5 (5%)
REGION	Martinborough, New Zealand
ALCOHOL	14%
AGING	10 months in French oak (18% new)
TA	5.00 g/L
PH	3.58
RS	0.29 g/L

