

EREWHON PINOT NOIR

The name Erewhon is an anagram for “No Where.” It is a reference to the remote vineyards and rugged landscape of New Zealand from which our Pinot Noir is harvested.

THE WINE

Made from 100% Pinot Noir grapes, the fruit that we source comes from vineyards located on New Zealand's South Island. We find that by combining the fruit from more than one vineyard, allows our wines to offer a truer reflection of the world's southernmost wine growing region.

THE PLACE

Our wines come from vineyards located in two distinct growing regions of New Zealand's South Island: Waipara and Central Otago.

Our northern growing region, Waipara is well situated. The Teviotdale Hills protects the area from cold easterly winds, yet this valley is positioned so that it still may benefit from warmer north-west winds. Low rainfall and hot summers are tempered with irrigation and cooling sea breezes. Long, dry fall days and cool nights allow for phenolic ripeness. Gravel deposits, limestone, and loamy soils all contribute to spicy, intense wines that develop great finesse.

Central Otago is our southern source of fruit. High in elevation and separated from the moderating effects of the ocean, frosts are common and planned for. It is a fairly dry growing region. Warm to hot summers are tempered by cool nights as ocean breezes travel inland and help to maintain acidity. At 46° S latitude, the region benefits from more sunlight hours than most wine regions. Purity, complexity, with balanced acidity are the hallmarks of the wines produced from these vineyards.

PRODUCTION NOTES

The fruit was harvested by hand in to twelve kilogram fruit bins and stacked on pallets for transport to the winery. The fruit was de-stemmed into small fermenters. Only native yeast was allowed during fermentation. Malolactic fermentation in barrel took place from late spring to late summer. No fining or filtration was done. The wine was racked once, one month before bottling.

The 2013 vintage was aged for sixteen months in French oak, only twenty five percent new. All barrels were produced by Tonnellerie Francois Freres, a family-owned cooperage known for selling to top domaines in Burgundy. Very tight-grained, Burgundian shaped 228 litre barrels were used.

The Pinot Noir clones are: 115, 667, 777, UCD 5 and 10/5





CP LIN, WINEMAKER

With nearly 30 vintages under his belt, CP Lin is one of NZ's most talented winemakers. His unique background began in his native Taiwan, where his interest in smell and taste was piqued by the fragrant stocks of his grandfather, a spice and herbal medicine importer. After his family relocated to New Zealand, CP studied engineering and mathematics. Joining the college wine club opened the door to becoming a winemaker. He has made wine all over the world including in Oregon, Australia, Portugal, Italy, and New Zealand. Prior to Erewhon, CP was the award-winning winemaker at Mountford Estate.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE: Crystal clear ruby red in colour; like wild deer blood.

AROMA: Just after the bottle was opened, aromas of vanilla and candied fruits. After half an hour, aromas of wild thyme and briar become more pronounced. A full hour after opening, aromas of tamarillo and baking spices present. The tamarillo aroma always reminds me of Vosne Romanee. It will with time evolve into aromas of black truffles. At the end of the tasting period, the wine had evolved to a point where aromas of crushed stones and Chinese red dates were beginning to show.

PALATE: The wine was clear and precise in the mouth. It had volume and continuity. There were no gaps from the front to the back of the mouth. The tannins are fine and chalky in texture.

THE 2013 VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage in Waipara is the best vintage CP Lin has ever experienced in his 20 years of tasting and making wines in Waipara. It was dry, but not too dry, cool, but not too cool. It had perfect physiological ripeness. The wine has very good pH and acidity with 13.7% percent alcohol at dryness. The wine shows fine tannins and has good weight in the mouth.

AWARDS

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Features a sturdy backbone to the wild berry and plum flavors. Details of Earl Gray tea, mineral, dried thyme and white pepper pick up momentum on the finish. Drink now through 2030. -M.W.

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