



CABLE BAY AWATERE VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2014 Marlborough

Cable Bay Vineyards is dedicated to producing hand-crafted wines known for their elegance and depth. Taking an Old World approach and combining it with New World techniques, Cable Bay's vibrant wines are beautifully expressive of the sites upon which they were grown.

All of Cable Bay's vineyards are accredited with SWNZ (Sustainable Wine Growing New Zealand).

WINEMAKER	Chloe Parkinson
VARIETY	100% Pinot Noir
VINTAGE	2014
REGION	Awatere Valley, Marlborough
VINEYARD	Redwood Pass Road Vineyard
ALCOHOL	13.0%
SWEETNESS	Dry
FERMENTATION/AGING	100% wild fermentation, aged in 10% new oak.
CELLARING POTENTIAL	Enjoyable upon release and over the next 5-7 years.

TASTING NOTE

Bright and pretty all-round. Rose, Campari, cherry and redcurrant characters adorn the nose. The site where this Pinot was grown is expressed wonderfully, especially on the palate; a delicate mineral texture has ensued from the riverstone built soils. The palate is vibrant, light on its feet with wonderful balance and a distinguished tannin structure. A gem from a fantastic vintage for the Awatere Valley.

FOOD MATCH

Game birds, pork terrine, cured meats.

VINEYARDS

Our carefully selected, estate owned site benefits from naturally terraced land, which leads down to the Awatere River. The region is blessed with low rainfall and low vigour soils, predominantly formed from alluvial gravel, which lend remarkable texture and minerality to the wines. The vines are also closely planted which results in lower yields of top quality fruit.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested early in the morning, and led straight into the winery. 100% of this blend underwent wild fermentation, with no additives; just pinot grapes. The wine was macerated on skins for one month before pressing and was aged partially in oak and partially in stainless steel. There was just a small amount of new oak used; 10%, which has allowed the delicate fruit characters to take centre stage. We bottled this wine in March 2015, giving it just under one year to age and integrate beautifully.