



NEUDORF VINEYARDS

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Neudorf Tom's Block Pinot Noir 2013

Wild yeast, unfined, unfiltered, thrilling, complex, earthy.

"Very pale crimson. Edgy, sweet but not sickly, and transparent. Very fine and refreshing. Really savoury and convincing. Not burgundy but so much drier and more interesting than the NZ PN norm. Mineral finish. Very charming." Jancis Robinson MW

Our Neudorf Tom's Block is an enticing wine, reminiscent of a summer afternoon; dried hay, ripe brambles and berries, and sun warmed earth. Its charm is its accessibility, but underneath is a gently persuasive hand of minerality to maintain focus.

Tannin structure is elegant and fine. The oak handling and fruit ripeness are harmonious and the overall concept of the wine is vibrant, plush and attractive.

Neudorf's fingerprint of minerality lends a refreshing salivatory note which enhances "second glass" appeal. Temperature is paramount with Pinot...too cool and the flesh falls off the structure leaving a leaner look; too warm and the alcohol rises in the glass. Interesting to note in Asia they often serve their Pinot from an ice bucket. But I find this cultural difference too challenging.



A wine you may drink now but cellar with confidence – we are currently drinking 8 – 10 year old Neudorf Pinots.

Grapes for this wine are sourced largely from our Moutere clay-gravel vineyards – the Neudorf Home Block, and Flaxmore . These grapes are dry farmed (no irrigation) which we have long believed is beneficial to encourage the grape to delve deeper into the soil reaching unique soils.

"Vibrant red cherries on the nose, there's attractive freshness here, some bracken and brown baking spices. Oak is bright but the fruit is on top. The palate is supple and full with really smoothly fleshy texture that holds fine, suspended tannins. Plenty of dark spiced cherry flavor, a flurry of toasty oak and a vibrant, lively kick of dark cherry flavour through the finish." 92/100

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"Sporting a pale ruby color, the 2013 Tom's Block Pinot Noir has notes of fresh red currants and cranberries with hints of underbrush and dried thyme on the nose. Medium-bodied, the palate is open for business with lovely elegance and freshness." Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

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Vineyard Detail

Vineyards:	Neudorf Home Block, Moutere; Flaxmore vineyards, Moutere; Lord Rutherford vineyard, Waimea Plains
Variety:	100% Pinot Noir
Clonal Selection:	5, 10/5, 667, 777, 113, Abel, 115
Hand Harvested:	100%
Soil Type:	Moutere clay gravels (84%), Waimea alluvial gravels (16%)
Vintage Detail:	A long warm dry summer followed by an erratic Autumn. Although this made for a complex harvest, the long warm summer prior to the rain events ensured excellent ripeness.

Winemaking Detail

Harvest:	3 rd – 9 th Apr 2013
Harvest Analysis:	23.3 – 24.8 brix, 3.25 – 3.51 pH
Processing:	All fruit chilled, sorted and 100% destemmed
Fermentation:	100% wild yeast.
Fermentation Vessel:	100% open top fermentation – <i>peak temperature of 32 C</i>
Cap Management	Hand plunge (<i>pigeage</i>) 3 times daily
Oak Management	100% French Oak – 22% new
Maturation	10 months before being racked to blend.
Malolatic:	100% natural in spring
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None

Technical Detail

Bottling Date:	12 th – 14 th March 2014
Bottling Analysis:	14.0% Alc, 3.68 pH, 5.1 g/L TA, Dry
Cases Bottled:	2181