

NAUTILUS CLAY HILLS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2020













\$68.99

Product Code:	4135
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	Marlborough
Sub Region:	Southern Valleys
Style:	Red
Variety:	Pinot Noir
Producer:	Nautilus Estate

Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	13.0%
Grape:	100% Pinot Noir
Natural:	Vegan Friendly



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TASTING NOTES

Winery notes (2020 Vintage)

"Nautilus Clay Hills Vineyard is located on the ridge that divides the Brancott and Omaka Valleys within the Southern Valleys sub region of Marlborough. The vineyard is divided into 6 discrete blocks with differing aspects and slopes and an elevation between 100 and 130m. Normally picked midway through the Pinot Noir harvest window this vineyard has rapidly become the cornerstone block for Nautilus Pinot Noir where the clay based soils contribute a silken texture and fine grained tannins.

This wine has aromas of pomegranate, ripe blackberries, warming spices and savoury notes. The mid-palate shows fruit sweetness, while generous but fine-grained tannins contribute to a lingering elegant finish.

The fruit was hand-picked and chilled overnight before de-stemming in to 3 small tanks incorporating (0.5 to 100%) whole bunch components. After a 5 - 9 day cold soak the wine completed a spontaneous fermentation and remained on skins for an average of 20 days before pressing. After 24 hours settling, the wine was racked to 228L French Oak barriques (30% new) and matured for 11 months before clarification and bottling in February 2021."



"Floral, fragrant wine with juicy acidity that seems to activate the wine's delicious mix of fruit and floral flavours. Delicate yet with impressive underlying power and a 'hands-off' seductively silken texture. Accessible wine with moderate cellaring potential."

Rated Excellent & 94/100 Cameron Douglas MS, May 2024 (2020 Vintage)

"Earthy and mineral, complex and varietal bouquet. Aromas and flavours of clay and stone, soft dried herb qualities and a core of red berry and cherry fruits. The oak has a bold statement to make accentuated by the tannins and acid line, just needs some more cellar time to settle in and develop more. A dry wine with a whisper of gun flint, then baking spice and some earth smoke qualities. As the wine opens out in glass these flavours and texture begin to meld more. Lengthy finish, complex and offers best drinking from late 2025 through 2033."

94/100 JamesSuckling.com, November 2023 (2020 Vintage)

"Perfumed and lovely strawberry aromas with some pie crust and lilac undertones. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a savoury finish. Orange peel undertones. Hints of cedar. Sustainable."

4 ½ Stars Michael Cooper, October 2023 (2020 Vintage)

"The 2020 vintage is a single-vineyard red, grown in the Southern Valleys and matured in French oak casks. Ruby hued, it is fragrant and savoury, with very good depth of delicate cherry, plum and spice flavours, seasoned with nutty oak, and supple tannins. A refined, gentle wine, it should be at its best 2025+."

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