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NAUTILUS SOUTHERN VALLEYS PINOT NOIR 2023

HOT PRICE 93 VINO VALUE



$33.99

Product Code:	4179
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:	13.5%
Grape:	100% Pinot Noir

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TASTING NOTES

Nautilus have been making great wines in Marlborough for many years and in 2000 they built a specialist gravity flow winery especially for Pinot Noir. This dedication to the variety shows through with the resulting Pinot Noir wines which are consistently some of Marlborough and New Zealand's best.

Winery notes (2022 Vintage)
"The 2022 Nautilus Pinot Noir is garnet in colour. The complex nose displays dark cherries, cassis, leather, cigar box and spices. The palate is concentrated and elegant with a fine dense core of tannins and a long savoury finish.

To make this wine, fruit from Pinot Noir clones 114, 115, 5, 667 and 777 was hand harvested and de-stemmed without crushing to allow a portion of whole berries in the ferment. A small amount of whole bunch fruit was also included in some ferments (average 20% whole bunch). The grapes were fermented with indigenous yeast in open top fermenters after a 7-12 day ‘cold soak’. Careful cap management, using our pneumatic punch down device, has resulted in extraction of only the soft ripe tannins. After pressing the wine was racked directly to a mixture of new and older French oak Barriques (25% new), where it remained undisturbed until filtration and bottling in March 2023."

93/100 Susie Barrie MW & Peter Richards MW (UK), Susie & Peter New Zealand Wines of the Year 2026

(2022 Vintage)
"Nautilus is so serious about its Pinot Noir that it has a winery dedicated to the variety, with a second next door for its white wine production. Built in 2000, the Pinot-dedicated facility was apparently one of the first in the southern hemisphere based on gravity flow. This particular wine is from the Southern Valleys, where the clay soils are well suited to producing fleshy, textural Pinots with fine-boned tannins, and this is a really good example of exactly that. Winemaker Clive Jones uses a proportion of whole bunch to add stem tannins and the fermentation is carried out with ambient yeasts. The ageing takes place in new (around 25%) and used French oak barriques and there's a rich, smoky feel to this classic take on Pinot. Very self-assured and traditional in style."

Reviews for previous vintages below...

Rated Excellent & 94/100 Cameron Douglas MS, May 2024 (2020 Vintage)
"Complex and developing, intriguing and layered. A bouquet and palate of red berry and cherry fruit flavours, finesse and charm from mineral and floral highlights, the oak signature is excellent adding complexity and myriad scents. Delicious, dry, complex and textured as the wine touches the palate, a wine to savour on its or with carefully selected fare. Fine tannins have polish with a fine powdery feel, acidity carries flavours and freshness. An excellent example, ready to drink from 2024 through 2030."

93/100 Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review, October 2023 (2020 Vintage)
"Fragrant, floral pinot noir with violet, rose petal, cherry, plum, fresh herbs and subtle, spicy flavours that are deliciously accessible. Silken texture and surprising power with a tantalisingly lengthy finish."

91/100 Erin Larkin, RobertParker.com, February 2025 (2020 Vintage)
"The 2020 Southern Valleys Pinot Noir is light and fragrant, with a grounding of generous tannin in the mouth. This is all cherry kirsch and pressed flowers, with nuances of roasted game and Sichuan peppercorn. It is substantial without being chunky. This is nicely done."

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