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NGA WAKA LEASE BLOCK PINOT NOIR 2024





$44.99

4 Trophies at the 2026 IWC including Champion International Pinot Noir!

Product Code:	5187
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	Wairarapa Wine Country
Sub Region:	Martinborough
Style:	Red
Variety:	Pinot Noir

Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	14.0%
Grape:	100% Pinot Noir

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TASTING NOTES

Trophy for Champion International Pinot Noir - International Wine Challenge 2026
Trophy for Champion New Zealand Red - International Wine Challenge 2026
Trophy for Champion New Zealand Pinot Noir - International Wine Challenge 2026
Trophy for Champion Martinborough Pinot Noir - International Wine Challenge 2026
Gold Medal - International Wine Challenge 2026
Gold Medal - New Zealand International Wine Show 2025
5 Stars Cuisine 2026

An absolutely jaw-dropping result for Nga Waka, Martinborough and New Zealand wine as a whole. Winning Champion Pinot Noir of the Show at the 2026 International Wine Challenge (IWC) is one of the most coveted accolades in the wine world, and a result that demands serious attention.

We’re not surprised in the slightest. We tasted this wine last month when winemaker Paul Mason joined us for a Tuesday night wine club, and it left a strong impression. My notes from the evening read: “Wow. Gorgeous mouthfeel, with beautifully

fine tannins. Flowing and concentrated. Extremely impressive. Great balance, with fruit and oak in perfect harmony. Dark fruits, cherry, plum and spice. Simply delicious."

The IWC is considered by many to be the world's toughest wine competition. It is billed certainly as the most *trusted* competition in the world, due to its rigour, the personnel involved, and the comprehensive nature of the tastings. There are 500 judges, including multiple MWs (Sam Raphorn, Tim Atkin) the most experienced and judicious journalists, including the legendary Oz Clarke, and members of the trade.

And while the wines are rated on all the expected elements – balance, character, quality – a key assessment metric is authenticity: the wine must utterly represent its provenance. Simply put, this is a pinot noir that is one of the best possible representations of Martinborough Pinot Noir.

Winery notes (2024 Vintage)
"Everyone's favourite. Planted in 1999 our Lease Block vineyard produces exceptional grapes year after year.

The wine showcases the berry, spice and savoury flavours for which Martinborough Pinot Noir is renowned with the extra depth, texture and complexity that mature vines and an outstanding site deliver. This wine will improve under sound cellaring conditions for 6-8 years and provide pleasurable drinking for many years thereafter.

15% whole bunches, balance de-stemmed only. Total maceration time 21 days. Malolactic fermentation in barrel - tight-grain French oak barriques (23% new). Total time in barrel - 13 months."

Gold Medal & 96/100 International Wine Challenge (London) May 2026 (2024 Vintage)
"A rich, ripe Martinborough Pinot with ample strawberry and cherry fruit as well as some silkiness. Mouthfilling and expressive with lots of drinkability."

5 Stars & Top Ten, Cuisine Pinot Noir Tasting 2026 (2024 Vintage)
"Lovely high-toned fruit on the nose alongside florals and some graphite and dried herbs that give complexity. The palate is very nicely balanced with an excellent core of pure fruit which has been well handled. An uncomplicated and utterly delicious wine with well- integrated oak and a long finish."

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