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THE WREKIN NEEDLE'S EYE PINOT NOIR 2020



$49.99

Product Code:	31716	Closure:	Cork
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	Marlborough	Volume:	750ml
Sub Region:	Southern Valleys	Alcohol:	14.0%
Style:	Red	Grape:	100% Pinot Noir
Variety:	Pinot Noir	Natural:	Biodynamic

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TASTING NOTES

The family owned, organic Wrekin vineyard in Marlborough's Southern Valleys has developed a reputation that rivals the like of Clayvin as being the source of exceptional fruit. Whilst the vineyard name has appeared on several producer labels, the Johns family also produce their own wine with winemaker Hätsch Kalberer (Fromm). Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and a small amount of Chenin Blanc is produced.

Lovely mouthfeel here, generous and flowing through the palate with just a lick of fine tannin giving shape. There’s a slightly brooding side too, with dark cherry, savoury spice and a touch of nutty oak adding depth and seriousness.

What really stands out is the presence and length. Everything feels composed, layered and beautifully resolved, with the fruit and structure carrying effortlessly through the finish. A real treat, and very clearly top-tier Pinot Noir.

Winery notes (2020 Vintage)
"An artist's wine - soft but powerful. Concentrated dark fruits, blackberries, dark cherries, cooked strawberries with pretty tannins, with a polished finish - to be savoured all evening. The Needle's Eye continues to capture our season of Pinot Noir, including fruit hand-picked across all Pinot Noir blocks and clones of our vineyard.

The 2020 Needle’s Eye is a representation of all clones and soil profiles on the vineyard taken from the all 5 pinot blocks. The elevated blocks lie on undisturbed clay soils overlying greywacke parent rock, while lower blocks are planted on wind-

deposited, loess soils. Vine age approx 18 years. 2020 was the first certified organic (Biogro 5732) vintage, with the vineyard under biodynamic practices since 2017. 100% wild fermentation. 7% whole bunch. 14-25 days on skins. No additives other than sulphites. 12 months in old french oak. No new oak."

5 Stars & 95/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, May 2025 (2020 Vintage)
"Beautifully poised and inviting, the wine shows sweet cherry, floral, olive, game, and toasted almond characters. The palate displays excellent weight and beautifully rounded mouthfeel, splendidly supported by layers of polished tannins, making it sturdy yet plush and lingering. From their single vineyard in the Southern Valleys. Certified organic & biodynamic. At its best: now to 2034."

94/100 Mike Bennie, The Wine Front, August 2026 (2020 Vintage)
"A beautiful pinot noir, perfume, pretty, succulent and sinewy in texture. Dark cherry, white pepper, alpine florals, a touch of cranberry, some pomegranate juice too. A frisky, flavoursome red, good stretch to flavour general sense of elegance. It’s got some richness but also a restraint. Right in a zone."

92/100 Erin Larkin, RobertParker.com, Wine Advocate, June 2026 (2020 Vintage)
"The 2020 Needle's Eye Pinot Noir hails from the Wrekin Vineyard in Marlborough, and the nose here is impressively fresh and red-berry accented for a wine six years from its harvest. Here we see summer strawberries, pink peppercorns, sweet paprika dolce, blood plum and new leather. The acidity on the palate is taut and lends a fennel/licorice note to the wine, but otherwise, this is chalky, fresh and very good. I like it. Recommended."

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