

# Te Tera Pinot Noir 2009

*Martinborough Vineyard*

Handcrafted Excellence in Wine

**TASTING NOTES:** Sumptuous red fruit and spicy notes on the nose lead to silky smooth, rounded tannins with layers of fruit and complexity coming through on the palate. We know you will enjoy the 2009 as much as previous vintages.

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**VINEYARD:** Our Pinot Noir blocks are hand harvested from vines ageing up to 29 years – some of New Zealand's oldest Pinot Noir vines. A range of 10 clones including Abel, 10/5 and some of the newer Dijon clones are planted and give complexity to the final blend. The vineyards are situated on the Martinborough Terrace, which is famed for its deep, free draining, ancient river bed soils which are ideal for making ultra premium Pinot Noir wines. The region has a cool, maritime climate along with other beneficial climatic drivers including a rain shadow, one of the country's largest diurnal temperature differentials, windy springs and a long warm period through autumn. All this results in a natural low-vigour site regulating crops and enabling high quality, consistent, ripe fruit.

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**VINIFICATION:** All fruit is carefully sorted in the vineyard at harvest and again in the winery before being processed. All the fruit for Te Tera Pinot Noir is destemmed and carefully tipped into 5-6T open fermentors. The wine underwent a cool pre-ferment maceration for 5-8 days and spent an average time on skins of about 20 days before all being pressed to French oak barrels. The wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in barrel and remained on its lees for 10 months before racking, blending and bottling. Indigenous yeasts are used which add to the wine's complexity in addition to traditional methods of punching down the ferments by hand.

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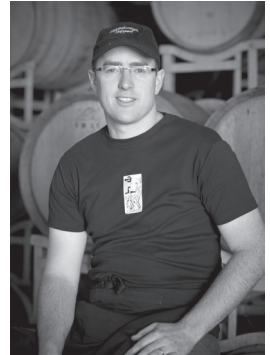
**THE SEASON:** We entered the 2009 growing season with good soil moisture and warm, settled spring conditions ensuing an excellent flowering. This was ideal for even fruit formation and above average crop levels, meaning we had to carry out extensive fruit thinning in January to reduce crop levels. February was warm with the occasional heat spike (remember the Melbourne wild fires) with picking starting on the 25th March. Our conversion towards the biological farming of our vineyards resulted in clean fruit being picked and it is especially pleasing to see the progress this is making.

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REGION:	Martinborough
APPELLATION:	Martinborough
OAK MATURATION:	15% New Oak, 30% 1 year oak, 55% 2-3 year oak
VINEYARD BLOCKS:	Moy Hall, Home Block, Wharekauhau & Fraters Road
CLONES:	667, 777, 115, Abel, 5, 10/5 and 114
HARVEST DATES:	25th March through to 19th April 2009
HARVEST ANALYSIS:	Brix = 23.6 – 25.3% pH = 3.24 – 3.30 TA = 6.50 – 7.55g/L
BOTTLING DATE:	February 2010
WINE ANALYSIS:	Alc = 13.75% pH = 3.80 TA = 5.85G/L

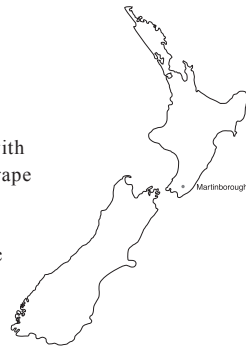


Paul Mason – Winemaker

Martinborough Vineyard was established in 1980 by a small partnership with the objective of producing world class cool climate wines from classical grape varieties. We are located on the Martinborough Terrace Appellation in the south east of New Zealand's North Island. Our flagship wine is Pinot Noir with the portfolio also including Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling.

The appellation has free-draining soils and experiences cool climate conditions with long summers and low rainfall, comparable with Burgundy. Vines aged up to 26 years, a diversity of clones, and emphasis on balance in the vineyard all contribute to the complexity and structure of our wines. Our philosophy is "Handcrafted Excellence in Wine", and over the years we are proud to have stayed small, consistent and quality driven.

We actively promote sustainability, using organic means where possible, to limit impact on our environment and also for the future of our industry in New Zealand. The winery and vineyard's environmental management systems are ISO 14001 accredited. Our journey has seen us produce outstanding wines, become a pioneer of Pinot Noir in New Zealand and one of the most prestigious winemakers in the New World.



Some of our trophies include:

- Best Pinot Noir – NZ, Australia, Singapore
- Best Pinot Noir worldwide – UK
- Best red wine in the sky in the world – US
- Best wine of the show – NZ, Australia, Singapore