

# STONEBURN

NEW ZEALAND

## MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2013



### Technical Details

Harvest Date	March & April 2013
Alcohol	13.5% Vol.
Total Acidity	6.0 g/l
Residual Sugar	0.22 g/l
Bottling Date	March 2014
Fruit Source	100% Wairau Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

### Winemaker's Notes

This Pinot Noir has medium body with strawberry and black cherry fruit aromas. The palate combines the flavours of black cherry, spice and subtle French oak to produce a soft full wine.

### Vintage Conditions

Short and intense is the best way to describe the grape harvesting of 2013. The fine weather worked in our favour throughout the entire season, including during the critical flowering, ripening and harvest period. As the harvester moved from block to block there was no stopping, the weather was good; flavours were right and within a 3 week period all fruit was safely in the winery. Yields hit targets on all varieties rating the 2013 season up there with the best.

### Vinification

A portion of the fruit was hand-picked and was plunged in small open vats until completion of ferment. The remainder of the fruit was machine picked and fermented in stainless steel tanks. The ferment was pumped over twice a day with temperatures of up to 32 degrees being reached to extract the colour and tannins for the backbone of the wine. A percentage of the ferment was transferred to barrels to complete the fermentation in new oak. The remaining components were aged in one and two year old French oak barriques for ten months before being blended. The wine was given a light egg white fining before being bottled.

### Awards

#### 3.5 STARS – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

*"A softly expressed pinot showing fragrant aromas of red cherry, plum, floral and subtle spice notes, followed by a nicely rounded palate that's gentle and supple with elegant fruit richness. The wine is friendly and easy going with a pleasing dry finish."*

#### 3 STARS – Raymond Chan, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews

*"Moderately deep, dark ruby-red colour with lighter garnet hues on rim. The nose is up-front with aromas of dark red cherry and berry fruits with dark herbal elements. Some marzipan-like nuttiness and dusty, spicy nuances emerge adding interest, filling the bouquet with good volume. Medium-full bodied, flavours of dried red berry fruits intermingle with spicy and nutty oak..."*

#### REVIEW – Peter Saunders, Independent wine judge and author

*"Fresh and alive Pinot style, not heavy and very approachable already with lighter courses like antipasto, veal and chicken. Oak and tannin at a minimum yet have their say in the personality of the wine."*