



AUNTSFIELD

NEW ZEALAND

HERITAGE

PINOT NOIR 2020

SOUTHERN VALLEYS • MARLBOROUGH

Auntsfield continues the proud heritage of Marlborough's first vineyard and winery established in 1873.

Our Single Block wines display qualities distinctive to grapes grown within a defined area at Auntsfield Estate. Consistent quality and character over many vintages has separated these Single Blocks out as producing our Reserve Wines.

This wine is only made when a selection of traditionally made wine from our steepest hill side exhibits the intensity, complexity, balance and sense of place required to honour the heritage of Auntsfield Estate: Marlborough's first vineyard and winery.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Deep ruby, very intense.

AROMA: Savoury and complex aromas of exotic spices, dark berry fruits and floral notes. Hints of cocoa and roasted almonds.

PALATE: The palate is immensely dense and concentrated and shows an elegant complexity. Luscious dark fruit flavours integrating gamey spice. The wine has an intense depth and yet silky fine tannin structure, giving seamless length and many years of aging potential.

ANALYSIS: Alc. 14 % | pH 3.72 | TA 5.5 g/L

WINEMAKER NOTES

This wine is made with a sense of place. The steep clay hillsides at Auntsfield give us fruit with great density, complexity and tannin structure. Winemaking is carried out with a desire to reveal these characters in the wine. The fruit is hand harvested and gravity fed into an open top oak vessel with a proportion of fruit being whole bunch fermented. This was hand plunged once fermentation begins. The wine was kept on skins for an extended period following fermentation before being aged in oak for 14 months.

VITICULTURALIST NOTES

The 2020 season was amazing! If you could reproduce the weather conditions of this season every year you would. Regular winter rainfall and a cool spring encouraged canopy growth but kept cropping levels low. Summer was very dry but stayed relatively cool resulting in healthy vines with no disease or water stress. There was a slow progression into Autumn with a long ripening period where the fruit reached optimum ripeness in perfect harvest conditions.

