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Neudorf Tom's Block Pinot Noir 2008

"Is Tom's Block the best value/quality pinot noir produced in NZ?"

Having enjoyed previous vintages it was a mighty relief to see that the 2008 Neudorf Tom's Block Pinot Noir is as good as ever. A dense savoury nose, not fruity, but very complex and complete. The wine has structure and definition in an approachable immediately pleasing style. Scrumptious". Jane Skilton MW

"Charming, classic Pinot Noir fragrance of loganberry and mulberry, with invitingly fresh juicy sweet fraise du bois on the palate and spicy oak undertones held in restrained check, finishing with good fresh acidity. Autumn game." Anthony Rose - The Wine Gang UK

"Very pale ruby. Funky, herby nose. Very lively, with a nice spiciness without being too specious. Lots of flirtatiousness. Good dry finish. Really positive." Jancis Robinson MW

Bright crystal cut red in the glass. A generous wine with a deep complex nose of brambles and mocha. The tannins are fine and rich and spread through the wine. Discerning oak handling. We use only French oak from a variety of coopers with differing levels of toast. The selection of oak is one of John's many strengths. He is always searching for the perfect blend to achieve subtle support for the wine.

Handpicked, wild yeast fermented; 100% malolactic conversion. No fining or filtration so there may be some sediment.

Rant time - I will be brief. Pinot Noir offer so much charm and character. It is painful to see Pinot kicked into the lighter red bucket when it should be pirouetting with the serious wines of the world. Beware pretty, anorexic reds trading on the Pinot name. While it should have a degree of transparency, even simple red Bourgogne sports tannins, palate weight and direction (well - generally).

"It has a balance of opulent dark spice and liveliness. It harmonises hints of plum, cherry and strawberry with smoky oak to produce a textural wine with weight and a lingering aftertaste". Five Stars.
Charmian Smith - Otago Daily Times January 2010

"One of New Zealand's best value examples of Pinot Noir is Neudorf's Tom's Block 08. Oodles of flavour, a drop dead gorgeous texture. My wine match for the Christmas turkey".
Bob Campbell MW Air NZ December 2009

Technical Notes

Tom's Block Pinot Noir 2008

A healthy crop of grapes were hand harvested from our Moutere clay gravel vineyards at Neudorf (56%), Pomona (6%), Kina Beach (23%) and the Brightwater alluvial gravels of Lord Rutherford Vineyard (15%). Clones 10/5, 5, 777, 667, 115, 114, 113 were picked by vineyard parcel based on flavour ripeness.

We hand harvested from 20/3/08 to 14/4/08 at 22.7 to 25.6 Brix and 3.35 pH to 3.44 pH.

All fruit was chilled, sorted, destemmed and cold macerated prior to fermentation on the skins. Fermentation occurred spontaneously using indigenous yeast's reaching temperatures of 32C. The wine was hand plunged and with our new pneumatic plunger. It had an average time on skins of 21 days extracting out the very fine tannins. The wine was put into French Oak barrels (15% new), going through a complete malo-lactic fermentation in spring. The wine stayed in barrel for 12 months prior to racking and blending.

The wine was racked and blended in May and bottled on 9/7/08 without fining or filtration. Analysis at Bottling 3.63pH, 5.7g/L Total Acidity, Dry <1g/L RS and 13.5% alcohol.