

BEL ECHO

BEL ECHO PINOT NOIR

ORGANICALLY GROWN IN THE WAIRAU VALLEY OF MARLBOROUGH

"A charismatic and vibrant Pinot Noir showing lifted red berry fruits and harmonious balance from our "river stone soil".



WHAT IS BEL ECHO?

Bel Echo, (French for Beautiful Echo) is a terroir selection of our estates less conventional soil type. We consider Bel Echo somewhat adventurous in style, representing the opposite or 'echo' of our more traditional Clos Henri wines.

VITICULTURE

Grown predominantly on our free draining river stone soil, this Pinot expresses great lifted bright fruit notes and a hint of smokiness while being quite linear and tight in mouth, giving fascinating character and personality. Naturally strict water conditions (no irrigation) stress the vines to just the right level, in order to improve tannin structure and enable the roots to go deeper in the soil, thereby getting the purest expression of our terroir.

WINEMAKING

Bel Echo was fermented in large (7,500 l) French oak vats. 40% was then aged in these vats to maintain fruit integrity, while the remaining 60% was aged in old French oak barrels. This fine balance between fruit and oak enables the tannins to soften while retaining vibrancy of fruit.

TECHNICAL

Climate: Dry maritime with warm sunny days and cool nights.
Annual sunshine: 2443 hours
Average annual rainfall: 647 mm
Latitude: 41.3° south
Altitude: 85 metres above sea level
Soil: Greywacke river stone
Planting density: High at 5050 vines/ha
Yield: 7t/ha
Clones: 10/5, 114 & 115
Rootstock: Riparia Gloire & 3309
Vine age: 8–13 year old vines
Alcohol: 13.5%
Residual sugar: <1g/l
Total acidity: 4.5/l
pH: 3.68
Ageing potential: 5–6 years from vintage
Wine match: Boeuf Bourguignon or Angus steak with pepper sauce.

TASTING

A ripe, poised nose of ripe raspberry and cherry reveals smoky woods and spices. A concentrated and juicy palate displays flavours of ripe red plums and Christmas spices. Discrete and supple tannins leave a lingering and earthy finish.

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