

# HOME PINOT NOIR - BLACK ESTATE

North Canterbury



**APPELLATION:** Waipara Valley

**BLEND:** Pinot Noir

**WINEMAKERS:** Nicholas Brown

## VINEYARD:

The gentle north facing slope of the Home Vineyard is located 6 kilometres northeast of the Waipara Junction, in the Omihi sub-district of Waipara Valley. This is one of New Zealand's coolest wine regions but is sheltered from easterly sea winds by the Teviotdale Hills. Summers can be warm, and autumns are long and settled. The soils are mainly Awapuni clay loam with calcium carbonate deposits. A 3.8 hectare block of Pinot Noir, predominantly 10-5 clone, was planted in 1994 at a vine density of 1841 vines per hectare.

## VITICULTURE:

The Home Vineyard became fully certified organic with BioGro in March 2017.

## WINEMAKING:

The grapes were handpicked. 76% was de-stemmed without crushing giving an average of 80% whole berry. The grapes were inoculated with vineyard derived yeast, and the wine fermented for 28 days in 0.5 to 2.0 ton open top fermenters. The vats were plunged with hand and foot twice per day during the ferment. Each vat was pressed individually using a basket press. The resulting wines matured for 12 months in 228 litre seasoned French oak barrels. The wine was then racked, blended and settled in tank for 5 months before bottling without fining or filtration.

**WEBSITE:** <http://blackestate.co.nz>

This wine is suitable for vegans and vegetarians.



## TASTING NOTES:

Textural with vivid red berry fruits. Has some herby undertones and spice.