

Cable Bay

2006 Marlborough Pinot Noir



WINERY:

Cable Bay Vineyards was established in 1996 by a small group of wine lovers who are passionate about wine. Neill Culley, owner/winemaker, comments, "Our goal is to produce premium wines that express the unique attributes of the individual vineyard sites", says Culley. "Having a portfolio of vineyards provides a range of fruit with different characteristics, giving robustness while reducing the risks normally associated with single sites. Our process focuses on small lot winemaking to handle the separate parcels of fruit from the various vineyards. This results in wines with their own personality."

The Culley range of wines, named after Neill Culley, produced from Marlborough fruit, and are stylish, fruit-forward and vibrant. The range also offers an affordable introduction to the Cable Bay range of wines.

DESCRIPTION:

An intriguing wine which captures the elegance and finesse of Pinot Noir. The wine evolves in the glass and can be enjoyed with or without food.

VINEYARDS:

The grapes are grown on their hillside vineyard in Marlborough's Brancott valley. The clones used for this wine are Clone 10/5, 5, 115, 667 and 777. The clones are harvested separately at optimum maturity. Yield is managed to a maximum of 2 tonne/acre (32 hl/hectare).

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand harvested and gently crushed into open-top fermenters. The grapes were then allowed to soak for several days before the onset of fermentation. During fermentation regular hand-plunging was used to achieve good color and tannin extraction whilst avoiding aggressive phenolics and tannins which would detract from the elegance of the finished wine. No press wine is used in this wine. The final wine was bottled without fining and minimal filtration.

PRODUCTION:

5,000 cases

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.0%, pH 3.53, TA 5.3 g/L, RS 3.6 g/L

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