

# WOVEN STONE

*Ohau*

## 2011 PINOT NOIR

Named for the signature gravel stone remnants in the vineyard, forged over time by the force of the Ohau River, Woven Stone heralds a new dawn in wine making north of New Zealand's Kapiti Coast in the lower North Island. Inspired by the region's flax-weaving heritage, this new label threads the strands of local history, fronting a fresh, zesty wine from the Ohau region.

*W*inemaker: Jane Cooper

*C*olour: Red with purple hues and a bricky rim.

*A*roma: A fragrant strawberry and raspberry nose with a cedary spicy oak aroma.

*P*alate: This supple, fruit-driven Pinot Noir has fragrant cherry and plum flavours with a savoury note and a dash of oak.

*V*iticulture: This Pinot Noir vineyard at Ohau on the Kapiti Coast has a stony silt loam soil which is very free-draining. The clones of Pinot Noir planted are 667, 113, 115 and 6, with each adding their own character and complexity. Hands on techniques such as hand leaf plucking and fruit thinning aim to achieve good ripeness and flavour. This has resulted in a final wine with good ripeness and flavours typical of the region.

*W*inemaking: In the winery the grapes are gently crushed and then cold soaked in tank for between two and five days and then fermented at about 28-32°C. Depending on the fruit, post ferment time ranges from three to eight days, before the wine is pressed off. The wine is then aged partly in tank and partly in barrel, undergoing malolactic fermentation, before being blended for bottling.

*C*ellaring: This Pinot Noir can be enjoyed in its youth or cellar the wine carefully for up to three years to enjoy more complex rich characters.

*F*ood match: Enjoy with a lighter lamb dish, your favourite beef, duck or a full-flavoured chicken dish.

*T*echnical analysis: Alcohol 13.5% v/v  
Titratable Acidity 6.3 g/litre  
Residual sugar: <.1 g/litre  
pH 3.59



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