

2011 LEGEND PINOT NOIR

GEORGES MICHEL WINE ESTATE, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND



THE WINE:

100% Pinot Noir from several different vineyard sites all owned by the Georges Michel Estate. Only produced in small batches (less than 500 cases per year) and made by selecting the best parcels of Pinot Noir fruit from the estate's prime Pinot Noir sites. Aged for 18 months in French oak with minimal handling or filtration. The grapes are hand selected and sorted prior to gentle pressing.

THE ESTATE:

Established in 1997 when Frenchman Georges Michel left his estate in Burgundy (Chateau de Grandmont) and purchased several pristine vineyard sites in Marlborough's Golden Mile region. The first wine was produced in 1998 under winemaker Guy Brac de la Perriere, a man from one of Burgundy's oldest wine families. In 2005, Georges' daughter Swan Michel took over the winemaking after graduating with an oenology and viticulture degree from Lincoln University. The winery owns over 35 acres of vineyards in Marlborough planted to Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Viognier, Semillon, Syrah, and Pinot Noir. The focus is on terrior driven wines of elegance and refinement, with an old world style.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: ruby with a brick orange hue

Aromas: crushed berries and spiced plums with hints of tea leaves and brown sugar

Flavor & Texture: red berry and cacao with savory spices and herbs; tart acids and silk-like tannins

Food Pairing: wide ribbon noodles with mushroom, wild herbs and braised beef ragu

-DRINK NOW THROUGH 2021-