



**SOUTHERN CROSS
HAWKE'S BAY PINOT NOIR
2019**

Heritage

Established in 1978, The Wine Portfolio combines the finest grapes with the best winemaking techniques, as well as passion from our dedicated winemakers. We have taken the boutique winery approach to winemaking by controlling the entire process—from grafting our own cuttings, developing our own vineyards and viticultural techniques and investing in the best technology possible.

Vineyard

This wine is from grapes grown in our Riverview and Kinross vineyards in Hawkes Bay.

Vinification

The grapes for this wine were harvested and transported to our Riverview winery. The fruit was pressed into stainless steel fermentation vessels and inoculated with a range of yeast strains but principally RC212. Following fermentation, the wine was inoculated for malolactic fermentation and run off to barrel for maturation. The wine spent around 12 months in oak before being blended and tankered to our Katikati winery for finishing and bottling.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Bright red fruits, cherries and strawberries with hints of vanilla and violet. Delicate oak wrapped around a core of ripe fruit with long smooth tannins.

Cellaring Potential

This wine is drinking well now but will cellar for at least another 5 years.

Serving Suggestions

Enjoy this wine with pork or lamb dishes.

Grapes

Pinot Noir 88%, Syrah 9%, Cabernet Franc 3%

Analysis

Alcohol: 13% v/v
Residual Sugar: 2 g/L
Total Acidity: 5.3 g/L
pH: 3.68



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