



## 2024 Paper Road Pinot Noir

**Region:** Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand



**Tasting notes:** This is about the purity of Pinot Noir with spicy savory and bright, juicy red florals and fruits. It is medium bodied with soft velvety tannins, a mix of tart and sweet cherry fruit with a chocolate touch to the lightly oaked finish and a spicy zestiness to the lingering aftertaste.

**Vintage Conditions:** The growing season for the 2024 vintage saw an early budburst with high growing degree days resulting in an earlier than usual harvest. 2024 provided a long dry summer and resulted in a harvest that allowed us to pick the grapes when fully ripe and in optimal condition. Fantastic flavour across all the white wines and intense colour in the reds

**Viticulture:** Diurnal temperature fluctuations, low rainfall, low humidity, and fantastic deep free draining soils combine to create an exceptional environment for Pinot Noir. Harvested from 3 vineyards allows selection of the best batches to consistently produce pure Pinot Noir.

**Winemaking:** Temperature controlled fermentation using a mixture of natural and inoculated yeasts combined with hand plunging to optimize the fruit and tannin balance. Following extended post-ferment maceration on skins the wine was drained and pressed to barrel. Rigorous barrel selection and blending is followed by minimal fining and filtration prior to bottling.

**Oak Handling:** 85% French oak aged for 8 months with a mixture of selected cooperages of which 15% of the barrels are new.

### **Analysis:**

Alcohol: 14.2%

Total acid: 5.60g/l

pH: 3.58

Residual sugar: Dry

**History:** Established in 1996, proudly family owned and managed, Borthwick Vineyard produces wines that are a direct reflection of the Gladstone region, New Zealand. Ancient stony, alluvial soils, a cool climate, sustainable practices and minimal intervention in the vineyard and winery, mean our wines display distinctive single vineyard characteristics.