

# BILANCIA

**bi'lancia** *Italian. (be-larn-cha) balance, harmony and equilibrium; the scales, of the zodiac (libra).*

## 2008 PINOT NOIR



After two frosts in successive years in our Hawkes Bay Pinot Noir vineyard we took our search for fruit to Central Otago in 2008. The fruit for this wine was taken from two vineyards in the Bendigo subregion.

The grapes were handpicked and trucked as whole clusters to Hawkes Bay. It was then destemmed to a closed fermenter with a 5 day cold soak prior to fermentation with twice daily delestage (rack and return). At dryness the wine was pressed and transferred to tank for malolactic fermentation. The wine then spent 10 months oak aging prior to bottling

The aromatics of the wine show subtle florals and juicy red fruits whilst the palate has cherries, raspberry and a spicy finish.

Our aim with Pinot Noir is to make a balanced wine that is true to its varietal character. The 2008 Pinot Noir can be enjoyed now and will continue to be enjoyable four to five years from harvest date.

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