

The DARLING  
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MARLBOROUGH

Brancott Valley

PINOT NOIR  
2008

WINE of NEW ZEALAND

### **Viticulture**

The grapes were grown using organic principles and are sourced from a single vineyard in the Brancott Valley of Marlborough.

The vines are made up of two different clones, Abel and UCD4. UCD4 is a unique clone for New Zealand as there are only a few plantings. It is great for premium Pinot Noir due to small berry size and elegant tannins. Crop levels were maintained at low levels to produce concentrated flavours and great structure in the wine.

### **Winemaking**

The grapes were picked late April 2008. They were destemmed to a fermenter which included 10% whole bunches to add complexity.

The grapes were cold soaked for 5 days and indigenous yeasts were used for fermentation.

The ferment was plunged by hand (Chris Darling and Bart Arnst' actual hands) to keep the softness and texture of the wine.

Both new (10%) and seasoned oak was used for maturation.

### **Analysis**

Alc 13.5%, pH 3.7, Acidity 6.0 g/L, Residual Sugar Dry

### **Tasting Notes**

This wine has been made in an old world style with minimal intervention. It is soft with great texture and has flavours of dark cherry, aniseed and plums. A refined mid palate, with fine tannins and great length of flavour.

This wine will drink well anytime complementing red meats and cheese.

Drink now and until 2020

### **People**

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