

MUDDY WATER

Pinot Noir 2004

Waipara • New Zealand



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Viticulturist/Winemaker Belinda Gould

Wine Specifications

Cases imported	224
Alcohol	14.5%
T/A	0.57 g/100ml
pH	3.55
Residual Sugar	<0.2 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	23.0 - 26.0
Cellaring	Up to 8 years
Harvest Dates	April 20, 2004

Vineyards

Location

Sunny slopes in above the Waipara Valley (40 minutes north of Christchurch on the South Island). The fast-growing Waipara wine region has cold, frosty winters, warm, dry summers, and dry, sunny autumns.

Soils

Loam over calcareous clay on limestone bedrock (classic Burgundian).

Vines

Careful canopy and crop management, including leaf, shoot and fruit thinning. Accredited by New Zealand Sustainable Winegrowing.

Vintage

The 2004 vintage had a very warm spring and autumn, with warm, sunny days and cool nights. Some rain in summer necessitated more vineyard work than usual to assure the best possible fruit.

Vinification

The grapes received a pre-fermentation cold soak for up to six days. Fermentation used native yeasts and manual cap management. Total time on skins ranged from 11 - 20 days. After pressing, the wine was racked to oak barrels, and aged with full malolactic for 15 months before racking, blending, and bottling. Wine is rarely moved, and when possible, movements are by gravity or pressure to reduce the effect of pumping.

Winemaker's Notes

Bouquet

Black cherries, ripe fruit, savory notes.

Palate

Sweet black cherry and red fruit well integrated with spicy oak and savory hints. Focused and elegant, with good mid-palate depth and excellent overall balance.

Serving Suggestions

Lamb, duck, and game.

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The name Muddy Water is a direct translation from the Maori place name: wai (water) and para (mud).

★★★★

This is a dense, stylish pinot noir with a lovely silken texture. Seductively sweet fruit flavours are beautifully integrated into classy spicy oak. It's an understated style that is currently showing plenty of promise.

Gourmet Traveller, June/July '06

Well made wine with good balance. Belinda Gould is destined to become a Waipara legend. **92 points.**

New Zealand Wine Fair, Sydney

Top-notch... Fun [brand] that embraces the Kiwi spirit.

Leslie Sbrocco

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