

SPINYBACK

Pinot Noir 2005

Nelson • New Zealand

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Wine Specifications

Cases imported	652
Alcohol	13.0%
T/A	0.66 g/100ml
Residual Sugar	0 g/100ml
Brix at Harvest	24.0
Cellaring	Up to 5 years
Harvest Dates	April 2005

Vineyards

Location

Waimea Plains and Moutere, Nelson.

Soils

Stony, free-draining (Waimea) and clay (Moutere).

Vintage

The 2005 vintage was exceptional for Nelson. Spring started with unusually high rainfall, resulting in a difficult flowering and fruit set, in turn resulting in very low crop levels. However, the sun shined after Christmas, giving some much-needed summer warmth. A gloriously long, warm, and dry autumn followed, resulting in wonderful concentration and flavor in the grapes.

Vinification

After destemming without crushing, the musts were chilled for a period of five days before fermentation, to enhance aroma. Fermentation was carried out with Burgundian yeast strains. A portion of the wine was fermented in a Ganimede tank, utilizing trapped carbon dioxide to wet the cap, which provides a very gentle form of extraction. At dryness, the wine was pressed off its skins, and after a short settling time, it was racked off its lees to undergo natural malolactic fermentation and oak maturation. In early December, all components were blended together and lightly fined. Following careful filtration, the wine was bottled in January 2006.

Winemaker's Notes

Bouquet

Black cherry, cranberry jelly, spices, and a hint of chocolaty oak.

Palate

Subtle, spicy oak tannins and an abundance of rich fruit combine to give the palate a silky, generous mouthfeel. Fine grained tannins and acid balance lend structure, while fruit concentration provides depth.

Serving Suggestions

Red meat, game, mushroom-based sauces.

SRP US\$15.99



The Tuatara or Spinyback of New Zealand is not a lizard, but a "Sphenodontida". Its lineage stretches back 225 million years, so it is a survivor from the age of dinosaurs. It became extinct elsewhere in the world about 60 million years ago, and is now under threat in New Zealand. In its "Save the Tuatara" campaign, Spinyback is assisting Nelson's local Maori tribe in its efforts to protect this unique species. Every purchase of Spinyback will provide direct funding to further education and conservation goals for the Tuatara.