

SPY VALLEY MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

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Fruit is hand picked, then fermented in open vats. Fermentation starts naturally with “wild” yeasts, after which the wine is pressed off the skins and aged in oak barrels for 11 months.

Spy Valley's vineyards are located on mostly young alluvial river terraces with veins of stone and shingle, overlaid with a thin veneer of topsoil. Older terraces have higher clay content and deeper topsoils overlaying free-draining river gravel and stone. There is also a smaller area of steep hillside slopes containing a thick layer of wind-blown clay soil. The valley sees less than 43 inches of rain annually, and 8 inches of rain during the October-May growing season. Spring carries the risk of frost, and summers are hot with peaks in January and February of more than 86°F.

Owned and operated by the Johnson Family, Spy Valley Wines is one of Marlborough's few remaining 100% Kiwi family owned wine companies. Located up the road from a US government listening post (the Spy base), Spy Valley is know around the world as one of New Zealand's most acclaimed producers. The Johnson Family established the first of their 380 acres of estate vineyards in 1993. Pioneering what was then a Marlborough sub-region, the Johnsons' Lower Waihopai development continued, with the fruit being grown and sold to other wine companies. In 2000, the first vintage under the Spy Valley label was released. With a modern, fully integrated winemaking facility and a passion for excellence, Spy Valley consistently produces globally acclaimed award-winning wines. As with most Marlborough wineries, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc are Spy Valley specialties.



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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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