



## **Kumeu River Village Pinot Noir 2019**

In April 2017 we took possession of a vineyard at Rays Road in Hawkes Bay that was already planted with Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The vineyard soil is wind-blown clay loess over limestone, so we were particularly keen to see how these varieties performed.

2018 was our first vintage from Rays Road and we were excited by the potential we saw with the Pinot Noir. Now, from the excellent 2019 vintage we have consolidated that quality expectation, and this year have blended the grapes from Rays Road with some outstanding richer Kumeu fruit with delicious results.

The wine displays a bright cherry red /burgundy colour with lifted red fruit aromas. On the palate the wine is cool, round and fruity and with a nice hint of chalky tannin that keeps the wine dry and refreshing.

100% hand harvested 100% de-stemmed then crushed Indigenous yeast fermentation 2 weeks total cuvaision Twice daily remontage 7 months maturation in tank Bottled: September 2019.

*"Soft, fruity, fresh, youthful and varietal bouquet of Pinot Noir. This simple yet well made Pinot Noir showcases the core signature of Pinot Noir ticking all the boxes of light red fruit aromas, immediately approachable fine fruit tannins and a bright refreshing finish. Balanced and well made with medium length and moderate complexity. Best drinking upon purchase and through 2021."*- Cam Douglas, Master sommelier.