



The Longbend label originates from the Longbend vineyard owned by Marlborough pioneers, the Rose family. The Wairau Valley's sub-region of Dillons Point is a cool climate area even by Marlborough's standards, the sub-region produces a range of wines renowned for their elegance, intensity and complexity.

## PINOT NOIR 2017

ALC 13% | TA 5.1 g/L | pH3.5 | RS Dry

**MARLBOROUGH | NEW ZEALAND**



### **TASTING NOTES**

A lovely vibrant coloured wine with aromas of dark fruits. The palate has bright cranberry, raspberry and strawberry flavors with a smoky oak and earthy finish.

### **CULINARY SUGGESTIONS**

Fantastic with lighter meats such as rabbit or chicken but also a perfect match for salmon and of course New Zealand lamb.

### **FROM THE WINEMAKER**

A fine settled growing season produced wonderfully concentrated and expressive fruit. The near perfect weather conditions ensured harvest began in the last week of March and was completed by mid April.

The grapes for this wine were harvested in the cool hours of the morning, destemmed and transferred to open-top stainless steel tanks. After fermentation the berries were then gently pressed and the wine aged in a combination of new and old French oak for 10 months.

