



Ara
SINGLE ESTATE
Marlborough, NZ

PATHWAY PINOT NOIR 2012

INTRODUCTION

Made with grapes from one place, ARA single estate wine aims to deliver more surprise, more excitement and more enjoyment. Fusing the time-honoured art of winemaking with fresh ideas, we amplify and refine the natural qualities of our remarkable Wairau Valley location. The result is a strikingly different Marlborough, New Zealand experience.

Ara's Pathway wines are sourced from throughout Ara's Single Estate vineyard. The grape parcels are purposefully selected to deliver the perfect balance between the renowned Marlborough exuberance and fruit expression and the refinement that provides the elegance and texture that you can expect from Ara.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Pathway Pinot Noir is built on a complex structure of savoury and soft tannins typical of the close planted, low yielding vines at Ara. The aromatics are accentuated by fruit from some of Ara's younger and more vigorous parcels that show the typical intense Marlborough strawberry and ripe cherry characters. The grape harvest, a combination of machine and hand picking, extended from the second week of March to the first week of April 2012. Early and later picks of the blend components also contributed to the fusion of primary fruit and savoury aromas. Fruit was destemmed but not crushed and transferred by gravity to tank for 5-7 days cold soak at ~8 C followed by fermentation and skin contact of 10-15 days. Fermentation temperatures peaked between 28 - 32C. Malolactic fermentation was started in tank and a portion of the blend was kept in tank to retain primary fruit characters. The oak regime on the balance of the blend consisted of 10% new and 90% older fine grained French barrels for 6 months.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol content (%v/v)	12.5
Titratable acidity (as Tartic Acid) (g/L)	5.7
pH	3.6
Total sugars (g/L)	<1

TASTING NOTE

The 2012 Pathway Pinot Noir is a classic expression of Marlborough; a supple Pinot Noir with sweet blackberry fruit aromas and rich spice notes wrapped up with a lingering savoury finish.



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