



SOUTH WAIRARAPA VALLEY
NEW ZEALAND'S NORTH ISLAND

MURDOCH JAMES

MARTINBOROUGH

Murdoch James Estate vineyards enjoy premium grape growing soil conditions with a mixture of calciferous lime, clay and river silts with a high mineral content. The action of the Australian tectonic plate, scraping the bed of the Pacific plate millions of years ago, gave rise to the limestone rich hills of the High Block Vineyard of Murdoch James Estate, Martinborough. The lime and clay based soils of the vineyard allows white wines a vibrant fruit flavor with a long, lingering, mineral finish, and red wines of complexity and character. True to their terroir, the wines of Murdoch James Martinborough are rich in flavor and elegant in structure.

"Martinborough, world famous for its combination of highly suitable soil types and favourable climate, enables passionate winemakers to produce wines of finesse and character. Over 40 years ago as a student, I worked on a vineyard during school vacations and an obsession was born. I wanted to tend grapes, craft fine wines and share them with wine lovers around the world. My wife Jill came to share the vision which took 20 years to become a reality when in 1986, we took a bag of Pinot Noir and Syrah cuttings and planted our first vines by hand ... For us, making good wine is about doing a lot of little things very well." – Roger Fraser

SAUVIGNON BLANC ESTATE *High Block & Long Gully Vnyds*

Pale straw with a slight green hue. Lovely refreshing green capsicum and ripe gooseberry aromas, with a herbal thread. Smooth textured with the vitality of flavor that New Zealand is famous for, followed by an array of dry, crisp & clean mineral flavors that build. Offers great texture, balance and depth. A wine that speaks of the sea – fresh oysters or pan fried fish with waves crashing on the beach.

Parker's WA on the 2013: "The 2013 Waru Sauvignon Blanc has a relatively restrained nose with modest scents of apple, yuzu and grass plus touches of honeysuckle and wet pebbles. Light-bodied and elegantly styled with a crisp acid line cutting through the citrus and green apple flavors, it finishes long."

PINOT NOIR ESTATE *High Block & Long Gully Vineyards*

Harvested from High Block and Long Gully. Situated in an ancient seabed but elevated enough to escape frost, the lime-rich High Block enjoys a slightly longer ripening season than Long Gully. Overlooking the valley, Long Gully slopes to Martinborough's Dry River, enjoying a cool, dry climate and potassium rich soils with calcium clay deposits. True to both terroirs, rich and flavorful yet structurally elegant with a persistent mineral facet. bright ruby red; very pretty and aromatic with floral notes mixed with dark fruits, spice and rich coffee; palate of crushed mixed berries and bright raspberries with soft and savory undercurrent; good textured presence in the mouth, balanced with pleasing depth; excellent with rare venison steak and barbecued lamb

*Parker's WA: **90 Points** "Pale to medium ruby-purple in color, the 2013 Estate Pinot Noir offers an expressive nose of black raspberries, pomegranate and black cherries with nuances of loam, moss and cumin seeds. Elegantly styled with a medium-body and very fine tannins supporting the red and black berry flavors, it has a long mineral laced finish. Drink 2014 - 2019."*

PINOT NOIR *High Block Vineyard*

Hand-picked, de-stemmed, and hand-sorted own-root Pinot Noir (mostly Abel clone) planted in the mid-1980s along the banks of the Dry River on an ancient seabed scraped up by interaction between the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates. Lime-rich calciferous soils and Martinborough's ideal microclimate of warm days and cool nights collaborate to create awesome breadth and texture, a unique character of place powerfully present in the High Block bottlings. Fermented in small parcels aged in 50% new French oak barrels.

*Parker's WA: **92+ Points** "Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2013 Blue Rock Pinot Noir gives notes of black cherries, warm cranberries and red currants with suggestions of dusty earth, baking spices and cedar. Medium-bodied with plenty of weight and generosity of flavors in the mouth framed by medium to firm grainy tannins and lively acid, it concludes with persistent earthy notes. Drink 2014 - 2020."*

*Parker's WA: 2013: **92+pts**; 2012: **90pts**; 2011: **91pts**; 2010: **93pts**; 2009: **90pts**; 2008: **91pts***



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