

# mt maude EMW pinot noir 2015

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When East meets West it is a celebration of two blocks of mature Mt Maude Vineyard Pinot Noir which face opposite directions. It marks a different direction in style too. A bewitching perfume of violets, strawberry, clove, undergrowth and spice. One with succulence, breadth and softness.

## VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2015 season had a slow start with cooler than normal spring temperatures. Late spring frosts caused some sleepless nights and for the first time ever we had a helicopter on standby at Mt Maude. The season did a complete backflip with an exceptionally warm December, perfectly timed for a concise flowering period and resultant healthy fruit set. January and February continued the warmer weather trend and the vines rapidly 'caught up' from the slow start. Night time temperatures were unusually high, which coupled with the warm days meant harvest began earlier and the 2015 season was more compressed than recent years.

## VINIFICATION

Only harvested from the East and West blocks of our mature Mt Maude family vineyard in Wanaka, planted in 1994. The complete use of whole bunches, no crushing, no plunging or pumping. Instead the tank is sealed for fermentation and let to 'do its own thing' for 3 weeks before basket pressing and barrelling.



HARVEST DATE	BOTTLING DATE	QTY BOTTLED	PINOT NOIR CLONES	ALCOHOL	pH	ACIDITY
24th April 2015	31st March 2016	1095 Bottles	10/5	14% VOL	3.82	4.5g/L