



# VAVASOUR

## 2015 PINOT NOIR

It's not just the grinding winds from the west or the imposing presence of Tapuae-O-Uenuku, the towering peak that looms over Marlborough's Awatere Valley. It's not just the deep, rocky soils formed millions of years ago by relentless glaciers that molded the landscape. It's not just the arid climate marked by sundrenched days and cold nights. It's the combination of all those things together that shape the inimitable character, flavours and textures of Vavasour wines.

### REGION

The Awatere Valley is a sub-appellation within Marlborough. It has deep Greywacke soils compacted over millions of years by ancient glaciers. Huge boulders, carried down the Awatere River, are strewn across the valley floor. River shingles, gravels and silts help bind these large rocks. The vineyards are partially protected from the prevailing north-westerly winds by a broad range of mountain peaks. Awatere valley wines are particularly prized for their intense aromatics, ripe flavours, dynamic textures and concentration.

### VINEYARD

Vavasour's 85 hectare (196-acre) estate vineyard is located in the renowned Awatere Valley. The climate here is noteworthy for its wide diurnal temperature swings—an attribute that contributes to strong personality and incredible balance in the wines. The vineyard's soils are low in fertility and comprised of stones and pebbles mixed with clay and loam. The rainfall ranges from 279-406 millimeters (11-16 inches) a year, very arid by any measurement.

### WINEMAKING

Our 2015 Pinot features a number of high-quality clones - 667, 777, CL5, and 954—that have been carefully matched to individual micro-terroirs within our vineyard. To extract optimum color, flavour and tannin we used traditional, Burgundian hand-plunging techniques during fermentation. Ten months in French oak barriques (25% new) provided additional aromatics, flavours and structure to the wine.

### WINES

All Vavasour wines are pure expressions of their varietal designation and the singular terroir of our estate vineyard. This 2015 Pinot is dark and earthy with aromas of mocha, violet, spice, ripe plum and dried herb. The palate is rich and layered with dark fruit and an elegant, velvety tannin structure.



APPELLATION	Awatere Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand
VINEYARD	Vavasour Home Vineyard
WINEMAKER	Stu Marfell
CLOSURE	Screwcap
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
COOPERAGE	10 months in French Oak, 25% new
ALCOHOL	14.0%
TA	6.0 g/L
pH	3.53