



AWATERE RIVER  
WINE COMPANY

## AWATERE RIVER by Louis Vavasour PINOT NOIR 2013

<b>Name of Wine</b>	Awatere River by Louis Vavasour Pinot Noir 2013
<b>Classification</b>	Marlborough
<b>Company/Producer</b>	Awatere River Wine Company
<b>Soil</b>	Alluvial river stone
<b>Grape(s)</b>	100% Pinot Noir, Burgundy clones
<b>Vinification</b>	Hand-picked and machine harvested. The grapes were destemmed to open-top fermenters, aiming to retain a high percentage of whole berries. After a period of cold maceration they were inoculated and fermented warm with regular plunging to extract fine tannins and avoid over-extraction. The wine was then pressed off skins and matured in barriques for ten months. Only a coarse filtration was performed before bottling
<b>Temperature to Serve</b>	15-18 degrees Celsius
<b>Keeping Quality</b>	Cellar for up to 5 years
<b>Colour</b>	Bright garnet hue
<b>Smell</b>	Good intensity of typical cherry, plum, and cranberry aromas along with a touch of spicy complexity and vanilla
<b>Analysis</b>	Alcohol 13.0 % T.A 5.2 g/L P.H 3.67 R.S <1g/L
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	The Awatere River Pinot Noir 2013 is made in a gentle way with a largely hands-off approach. This has produced a wine which shows flavours typical of the variety and is silky and elegant on the palate. It has balance and finesse along with the vibrant fruit characters that Marlborough wines are well known for
<b>Winemaker's Notes</b>	This wine is made from grapes from three sites that display complimentary characteristics of flavour and tannin profiles. Handling through the winemaking process has been very gentle to showcase the excellent cherry and berry-fruit flavours specific to the region
<b>Matching Dishes</b>	Venison or lamb dishes. Smoked salmon
<b>Awards</b>	Gold Medal – Spiegelau International Wine Competition, 2014 5 Stars (93/100) – Wine Orbit Wine Review, New Zealand, 2014 5 Stars (18.5/20) – Raymond Chan Wine Review, New Zealand, 2014



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