

## DECIBEL PINOT NOIR 2021

Praise for 2020 vintage

92 points - Bob Campbell

92 points - Vinous, Rebecca Gibb MW



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### Winemakers Notes:

This single-vineyard wine was produced from an organically run (though uncertified), dry-farmed block with a unique clay soil structure over top of free-draining former river bed. After a warm and dry summer, there was a heat spike, but the cooler nights meant the fruit condition was retained and we could pick slowly over a 2 week period to optimise ripeness and freshness. Some ferments were inoculated and others were fermented wild. After ferment, the wine was pressed to French oak barriques (15% new oak), and left unsulphured over winter. In the spring the barrels were allowed to warm up naturally and finish malolactic fermentation.

### Tasting Notes:

Dark and brooding in colour; the sultry nose likes some time to open up with notes of clove and dried rose petal, giving way to intriguing tar and dried fruit aromas. The palate is fruit-forward with layers of roasted strawberries, black cherry cola, and the fresh acidity of a ripe damson plum. The tannins carve a very fine long line, drawing the palate out and reflecting the elegant vintage afforded by a season of perfect weather.

### 2020 Vintage:

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Balanced and harmonious, offering a seductive mouthful of refined fruit. A come-hither Pinot Noir, it coats the palate with its suave and mellow texture. The tannins act like the water coming from a shower edge, bathing the side of the cheeks from top to bottom with a seamless, savory coating. The finish is lengthy and sinewy, drawing out the palate and leaving a fragrant ending - all tea leaf, earth, cedar, red cherry and more.

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### Harvest Data:

Picking Date	Late April
Brix	24
Subregion	Martinborough
Clones	115, 667, 777, 114, UCD 5
Vineyard	Dublin St

### Winemaking:

Whole Cluster	Varied ferments: 5 - 40 %
Fermentation Vessels	Small open top fermenters
Cap Management	Daily punchdowns
Skin contact	21 days
Barrel selection	French barriques
New Barrel	15 %
Yeast	80 % natural, 20% inoculated
Elevage	12 months
Composition	100% Pinot Noir

### Wine Analysis:

Alcohol	13 %
Acidity	5.5 g/L
Residual Sugar	0 g/L
Free sulphur	20 mg/L
Total Sulphur	40 mg/L



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