

CLOS HENRI

CHAPEL BLOCK BLANC DE NOIRS 2016 – METHODE TRADITIONNELLE
GROWN IN THE WAIRAU VALLEY OF MARLBOROUGH



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The Bourgeois Family*

Chapel Block refers to the block we named after our old country church nestled in the heart of our estate. It symbolises our connection back with the iconic church in our village of Chavignol near Sancerre, France. Sourced exclusively from this block and produced in very limited quantities with only 4273 bottles, this cuvée is our way to praise and celebrate our exceptional Pinot Noir terroir we cultivate and nurture. Made of 100% estate grown Pinot Noir grapes, it expresses an intense and charming character with finesse and elegance.

VITICULTURE

Following the French tradition, our vineyard is planted in high density to encourage competition between vines and naturally restraining vigour and ensuring lower crop. These Pinot Noir grapes were hand-picked from a few selected rows of our iconic Chapel block. Its heavy Broadbridge clays allow good water regulation to the vines maturing grapes harmoniously.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were lightly whole-bunch pressed selecting only the finest portion of the juice which was then fermented in a stainless steel tank to retain fruit purity and finesse. The base wine was aged on fine lees for 10 months partly in stainless steel and old oak. Bottling (tirage) occurred prior to the following vintage. The wine was then stored in our cool cellar to allow a slow bottle fermentation and a second period on its lees. Finally a few hundred bottles are disgorged at a time to release to the market leaving the remainder of this great 2016 vintage quietly aging on its lees (“sur lattes”).

TECHNICAL

Climate: Dry maritime with warm sunny days and cool nights.

Annual sunshine: 2443 hours

Average annual rainfall: 647 mm

Latitude: 41.3° south

Altitude: 85 metres above sea level

Variety: Pinot Noir 100%

Soil: Broadbridge clay

Planting density: High at 5,050 vines/ha

Yield: 7t/ha

Clones: Abel

Rootstock: SO4

Vine age: 12 year old vines

Dosage: 6 g/l

TASTING

Complex nose of fresh cherry and raspberry with hints of yeasty lees and nutty aroma. The palate is delicate, rich and fresh, sparkling with delightful fine beads of bubbles.

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