



Ara

# RESOLUTE PINOT NOIR 2013

## INTRODUCTION

Ara defines our philosophy. It is Māori for pathway and captures our journey and connection with our Marlborough home. Sitting on the edge of the world Marlborough's extreme climate can present challenges.

However, our winemaking and viticulture teams embrace challenge – and use it to create intensely flavoured wines that illustrate our 'Ara' or path on the edge of the world.

Ara Resolute is crafted from a few hand-selected rows within our vineyard in Marlborough's Lower Wairau Valley. The fruit benefits from specific oak and ageing to create Ara's iconic wine. Resolute is our purest expression of place.

## HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Fruit was sourced from the original close planted vines at the "Heart" of Ara, where the soil is a weathered loess deposit over gravel conglomerate. The vineyard is planted with a mixture of vines including Clone 5, 777 and 11.

Hand harvesting occurred in early April, 2013, with the average sugar level at 25°Brix. Whole bunches were destemmed without crushing then transferred by gravity for fermentation. The grapes were left for seven days to cold soak at under 10°C, followed by fermentation with gentle plunging to extract tannins. The ferment temperature peaked at 30°C. Postmaceration on skins took the time the grapes spent in tank up to 20 days. Malolactic fermentation began in tank and finished in barrel once the juice was moved to oak barrels. The wine rested in a selection of 35% new French oak, and 2nd and 3rd use French Oak barrels for 12 months.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol content (%v/v)	14
Titrateable acidity (as Tartic Acid) (g/L)	5.45
pH	3.65
Total sugars (g/L)	<2.26

## TASTING NOTE

The quality of the 2013 vintage is obvious in the Ara Resolute Pinot Noir. Ripe plum, blackberry bramble with inky density lift the nose. On the palate, the wine is long and strong, without losing mid palate succulence. Good supporting tannins hold the savoury, vanillin oak finish. Enjoy this wine now, or cellar for up to eight years.



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