Latitude 41 Small Batch Pinot Noir 2020

~ Limited Release ~

This wine is made from a selection of Nelson grapes from the Upper Moutere and Kina Peninsula. The result is a full-bodied wine that has layers of varietal fruit flavours that are associated with the different soil types and climatic conditions of each individual block. Made from clones 777, 5, Able, Mariafeld, 667, 115 and others.

Vintage Conditions	The 2020 growing season in Nelson was outstanding, characterised by a mild spring and an exceptionally warm, dry summer. These drought-like summer conditions led to lower yields of small, highly concentrated berries. Excellent diurnal temperature shifts preserved natural acidity while developing rich, ripe tannin profiles and intense fruit purity. Harvest proceeded under ideal, cool mornings and clear blue skies.
Harvest Date	Early to Mid-April 2020
Vinification	The grapes were harvested in the cool of the morning, crushed and transferred into small one-ton Fermenters. After a short period of Cold soaking the must was allowed to warm slowly with the onset of natural indigenous wild ferment and carefully selected commercial yeast. Post-ferment extended soaking followed fermentation for two weeks to obtain further textural qualities and colour extraction from the skins. The wine was then pressed to tank and further development took place on a selection of French Medium Toasted Oak with the wine then going through Malolactic Fermentation when the ambient temperatures start to rise in the spring.
Bottling Date	August 2021
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.51
Acid	5.6 g/l
Residual Sugar	1.1 g/l
Colour	Brilliant dark red cherry with a slight garnet edge.
Bouquet	Delightfully complex and seductive; aromas of dark cherries, strawberries, dried herbs, and smoked game, laced with sweet vanilla oak.
Palate	Supple, juicy, and lingering with fine integrated tannins. Our Latitude 41 Pinot Noir displays a mouth-filling richness of berry fruits layered with sweet, smoky mocha flavoured oak, supported by a finely structured and lengthy finish. The wine shows lovely developed varietal Pinot Noir characters with bottle age
Packaging	12 x 750ml with Screw Cap.