Spencer Hill "The Wild One" Pinot Noir 2020

~ Limited Release ~

This wine is a very limited release with only 220 cases bottled. It is produced from grapes grown at selected single vineyard sites in the Upper Moutere. The heavier clay loam soils help the vines produce full flavoured berries adding depth to the wine. Yields typically tend to be low from these 30 year old vines producing small berries with incredible intensity. Unfined and unfiltered this wine is a true reflection of the vineyard and vines of where the grapes were grown. Rich, luscious and dark in colour, this Wild One is an incredibly silky, smooth wine with many of the characteristics of great Pinot Noir. Wild by name and wild by nature this Pinot noir is sure to impress.

Vintage Conditions	The 2020 growing season in Nelson was outstanding, characterized by a mild spring and an exceptionally warm, dry summer. Prolonged drought-like conditions naturally restricted berry size, resulting in ultra-low yields of highly concentrated fruit. Warm shorter summer days and cooler nights towards the end of ripening beautifully preserved vibrant natural acidity while fostering exceptional even structural tannin ripeness and intense flavor purity. The grapes were harvested in the cool of the morning arriving at the winery in perfect condition.
Harvest Date	Late March early April 2020
Vinification	The grapes were harvested in the cool of the morning and processed to protect the aromatics and intensity of fruit flavours, then crushed and destemmed to small fermentation vessels. The wine was then left to cold soak until warming gradually. The onset of fermentation then took place with natural "wild" yeasts from the vineyard spontaneously. After pressing, the wine was settled overnight, racked off and allowed to age on new selected French oak for 8 months with a small portion of American for a subtle twist. The wine was left to settle for eight months on oak where it finished malolactic fermentation as the temperatures warmed in spring. The wine was then bottled with no fining or filtration to preserve the flavours produced in the vineyard.
Bottling Date	July 2021
Alcohol	14.5%
pH	3.55
Acid	5.7 g/l
Residual Sugar	0.4 g/l
Colour	Brilliant, rich dark purple with deep cherry hues.
Bouquet	Highly expressive and seductive; packed with sweet black cherries, ripe strawberries, and subtle cracked black pepper, beautifully laced with sophisticated integrated oak.
Palate	An incredibly silky, smooth, and full-bodied Pinot Noir. Showcases mouth-filling richness of concentrated berry fruits, black cherry, and savory spice, perfectly framed by fine-grained tannins and a lingering, luxurious finish.
Packaging	6 x 750ml with screw cap.