

# KINDRED SPIRITS

## 2014 Kindred Spirits Hawkes Bay Pinot Noir

**Grape Variety:** 100% Pinot Noir  
**Region:** Hawkes Bay  
**Winemaker:** Rod McDonald  
**Closure:** Screwcap  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%

### Summary:

The Kindred Spirits Range consists of a Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, Central Otago Riesling, Martinborough Pinot Noir and Hawkes Bay Syrah. Each wine brings its own personality and perspective to these classic regional and varietal matches.

**Winemaking:** The Kindred Spirits Hawkes Bay Pinot Noir is sourced from the maritime Te Awanga sub-region of Hawkes Bay from a twelve year old vineyard that cropped at 2.5 tonnes an acre. A mix of Clones 667, 114 and 115. Vinified in small open one tonne fermenters with fifteen percent whole bunch, twice daily hand plunging before nine months maturation in one year old French oak. Bottled with a light egg white fining and very coarse filtration.

**2014 Vintage:** The 2014 vintage is equal to the outstanding 2013, albeit in a richer, softer and more approachable style. Spring and summer was often hot and dry, although balanced by regular light rains that kept the vines in high health. A settled autumn then provided perfect ripening conditions, leading to the earlier than usual and compressed harvest.

**Tasting Note:** A lifted and expressive nose with an array of red cherry, wild forest and almost gamey aromas. The palate is rich and fruit driven with more red fruits, blood plum, fennel and spice along with some darker, exotic complexing notes. Fine tannins and bright acidity provide shape and balance to the generous fruit.

