



Te Mānia's vineyards, established in 1990, are located near the beautiful coastline of Tasman Bay on free draining, stony clay loam soils which have proved excellent for producing wine grapes of exceptional quality. Te Mania is a two-time winner of the prestigious Bragato Trophy for Best of Show.

## Nelson Reserve Pinot Noir 2014

This is Te Mānia's premier organic single vineyard red wine and is only produced in seasons where fruit quality achieves an exceptional standard.

**Nose:** Spicy sweet cherry aromas combining with a delicate violet herbal and note and chary oak.

**Palate:** The palate shows rich black cherry, red currants and plum fruit characters backed by fine fruit tannins and spicy oak. A smooth, well-structured Pinot Noir with a long lingering complex finish that will continue to develop over several years cellaring.

**Vintage:** Intensive viticulture, including bunch thinning and hand leaf plucking, ensures maximum exposure of the grapes to the sun and encourages optimum ripeness and flavour development within the grapes. Selected clones of 115, 777, 667 and 5 were hand picked from selected low yielding rows. At the winery the grapes were destemmed and crushed then transferred to small open top fermenters. After macerating for a few days, ferment commenced with indigenous yeasts. Traditional hand plunging of the cap was carried out throughout the ferment and post-ferment maceration, the wine was transferred to French Barriques after approximately 20 days. The wine was left in barrel to naturally go through full malolactic fermentation in the spring as the temperature rose. After 10 months in French barrels (20% new) the wine was blended, filtered and bottled.

**Organic Status:** Certified Organic Asure Quality New Zealand.

**Diet:** Suitable for a vegan diet.

**Analysis:** Alcohol 14 %, Acidity 6.0 gms/L

*The wine is richly fruited and elegantly savoury at the same time, displaying dark cherry, plum, nutmeg and truffle characters with nuances of cedar and spice. The palate shows excellent fruit concentration and silky texture, together with lovely fruit intensity and earthy mushroom undertones. Smooth, seductive and engaging. 93 points, ★★★★★ 5 Stars - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit*

