



VILLA MARIA  
NEW ZEALAND



## PRODUCER PROFILE

Winemaker: Nick Picone  
Estate founded: 1961  
Region: Marlborough  
Country: New Zealand

## Villa Maria Single Vineyard Taylors Pass Pinot Noir 2018

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Taylors Pass Vineyard sits on the northern bank of the Awatere River, running east to west through the Awatere valley and out to the Clifford Bay in the Pacific Ocean. The vineyard is warm and sheltered from the cool southerly breezes that flow down through the valley from the mountains.

The Taylor Pass Pinot Noir fruit is planted on a mixture of soils. Stony soil that contributes fresh floral and red cherry fruit aromas, whereas silty loam soil provides earthy dense tannins and dark berry fruit flavors. The various clones and differing soil types are harvested separately to provide winemakers with as many flavor and texture options to choose from for this single vineyard wine.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is a single vineyard expression of the Taylors Pass site, showcasing an intense bouquet of ripe juicy raspberries and blueberries with hints of baking spices. A harmonious palate delivers mocha notes intermingled with red cherries, subtle dried herbs and finishes with velvety smooth tannins.

### FOOD PAIRING

Perfect when paired with meats such as turkey, lamb or duck, or match with salad course of beetroot, fennel and feta.

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	14 months in 36% new french oak barriques followed by 8 months settling in tank days
Time on its skins:	21 - 28 days

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	13%
pH level:	3.71
Residual sugar:	0.2 g/L
Acidity:	5.2 g/L