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## Cape Campbell Wines Limited Edition Pinot Noir 2004



### Product Information:

Appellation:	Marlborough, New Zealand
Vineyards:	Kernick Vineyard
Brix at Harvest:	22.5
Residual Sugar:	>1 g/L
pH:	3.53
T.A:	6.1 g/L
Bottling Date:	03/02/2005
Alcohol:	13.7%
Closure:	Stelvin
Winemaker:	Matt Thomson & Fiona Turner

### Winemaker Notes:

The fruit for this wine was grown on the Kernick in Rapaura. The vines are eight years old and this is evident in the intensity of the wine. Harvested in the cool of an autumn morning the fruit was transported to the winery to be processed quickly and cooled for a five-day cold soak. During this time the fruit was hand plunged up to five times a day to extract colour and flavour from the berries without extracting harsh phenolics. The must was then inoculated with selected yeasts for fermentation. Once almost dry the wine was pressed off skins and transferred to a combination of once used and new French oak for malolactic fermentation and a stay of 10 months. We selected only exceptional barrels to be blended for this 'Limited Edition' release.

### Tasting Notes:

Lovely rich ruby colour. Aromas of ripe plum and black cherry integrate well with subtle savoury oak. On the palate prune, black cherry and cassis integrate with the subtle oak and soft malo characters and silky tannins. A seamless and elegant finish lingers in the mouth.

### Awards:

Trophy Winner – Light/Medium-Bodied Red, International Wine Festival (Toronto, Canada)

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## **Supplier Information:**

Cape Campbell Wines is owned and operated by Murray and Daphne Brown, who were farmers that moved north to Marlborough from the southern part of New Zealand's South Island in 1979. Through discussions with landowners and other grapegrowing pioneers, they planted some of the first grapes in the region on the stony Rapaura soils. Since then Murray and Daphne have continued to grow grapes and founded the highly regarded Cairnbrae wine label and a very successful Cellar Door and restaurant. Never to sit still the Browns sold the Rapaura vineyard and label and formed Cape Campbell Wines in 2000.

Requiring more land Murray saw the potential for grape growing in the arid landscape of the Blind River area on Cable Station Road, south of Seddon and the Awatere Valley. The only hindrance was the lack of water (an annual rainfall of just 400mm compared to the Wairau Valley's 850mm). The Blind River Irrigation Scheme was thus formed by the Browns and some innovative neighbours, and a five acre dam was created for the vineyard and local flora and fauna. The scheme has the capacity to irrigate over 1000 hectares of land, including an amazing 400 hectares of grapes planted since the Cable Station vineyard was planted. Still considered one of the early pioneers the Browns have proved they are still innovators in grape growing and wine producing.

Cape Campbell is proud to also have five long-term contract growers supplying grapes to the company. This allows the winemaking team to have various blending options from the unique characteristics of the different vineyards. Winemaking is handled by the highly acclaimed Kiwi-Oeno consultancy team, headed by Matt Thomson, who has become one of New Zealand's leading winemakers.

The company specialises in Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, and Pinot Noir with 'Limited Edition Reserve' wines made when exceptional grapes and wines are produced. Cape Campbell is sold in New Zealand and around the world. Recent success includes winning the International Chardonnay Trophy and New Zealand Chardonnay Trophy at the International Wine Challenge in London. Cape Campbell believes there is an equal share of craft, skill and innovation involved in their vineyards, winery, and marketing, and that this creates unique wines with intensity and style to be discovered and enjoyed almost anytime.

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