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## PINOT NOIR 2022



90 POINTS  
*Riboli & Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

Urlar translates to 'the Earth' in Gaelic, honoring the Scottish heritage of the founding farmer. Guided by principles of economic and environmental sustainability, we believe that 'fine wine shouldn't cost the Earth'. URLAR Gladstone achieved full BioGro certification in 2010, marking our unwavering dedication to organic viticulture and winemaking. We are committed to following the biodynamic farming and gardening calendar, acknowledging and harnessing the rhythmic influences of the sun, moon, planets, and stars when feasible.

The Wairarapa sub-region of Gladstone is blessed with a cool climate and plenty of sunshine. Wines from this region are known for their complexity and elegance. Our 31-hectare single vineyard is located on ancient free-draining soils and our intercropping maintains healthy soils full of life and biodiversity. Our seven-year cover crop rotation promotes nutrient-dense soils and vines. Utilizing practices that give life back to the ancient free-draining alluvial soil and managing the vineyard as a balanced sustainable unit, results in wines that are beautiful, clean, true wines that have not impacted negatively on the soil as they have been crafted.

Grapes were harvested by hand and machine in clonal parcels as they matured to optimum ripeness. As clonal parcels were received at the winery, decisions were made through taste as to the amount of whole bunch use in the indigenous yeast to showcase sight expression. Ferments were plunged or pumped over daily. Time on skins was decided through closely monitoring flavour evolution daily. Once pressed, the wine was barreled down to French oak (20% new) and allowed to go through natural malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged on the lees for 8 months before being racked into the tank for blending and bottling. Garnet red in color, Urlar Pinot Noir has notes of blackberries, crushed raspberry leaf and herbal spice balanced out by sweeter notes of cocoa and mocha. The palate is elegant while still retaining a rich and generous mouthfeel.



### Vineyard & Winemaking Details

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| APPELLATION   | Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand                                                          |
| VINEYARD      | Cottier Estate                                                                             |
| VARIETAL      | 100% Pinot Noir                                                                            |
| ALCOHOL       | 13%                                                                                        |
| HARVEST DATES | March 2022                                                                                 |
| BARREL AGING  | Aged on the lees for 8 months before being racked into the tank for blending and bottling. |