

A dark glass bottle of Tussock wine with a black cap. The bottle has a label with a tussock grass image and the text 'TUSSOCK' and 'NELSON PINOT NOIR 2006'.

# TUSSOCK

## Nelson Pinot Noir 2006

### » TASTING NOTES

Rich characters of ripe black plum and cherry combine with hints of liquorice and oak to give a layered and complex aroma. A core of concentrated black cherry and liquorice characters is supported by an envelope of integrated fine grained tannins. The wine has good length and lingers long in the mouth.

### » WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes were hand harvested and sorted before being destemmed into fermenters. Before allowing the ferment to begin spontaneously, the fermenters were chilled to allow a cold soak over 4 days to enhance berry fruit characters in the wine. Fermentation took 10 days and total time in the fermenter was approx 18 days. The wine was drained from the fermenters via gravity to settling tanks – settled for 2 days and then racked via gravity to French barrels - approx 40% new oak. After approx 8 months in barrel the wine was racked without using pumps to blending tanks where it was fined using egg whites and then filtered lightly. The finished wine was bottled using gravity.

PH 3.82 | RS <1 G/L | TA 5.25 G/L | ALC 13.5 %

### » VITICULTURE

Young vines (predominantly 3 & 4 year old) pruned to 2 cane vertical shoot position. Shoot thinning was performed by hand shortly after budburst. The vines were leaf plucked at flowering. Crop thinning was performed at veraison, and in general resulted in vines carrying no more than 1.5 kg of fruit.

<b>Vineyard Location</b>	Upper Moutere, Nelson, NZ
<b>Soils / Aspect</b>	North Facing - Moutere Clay Gravels
<b>Planting Density</b>	2,800 – 3,200 Vines / Ha
<b>Harvest Date</b>	7/4/06 – 14/4/06
<b>Clones</b>	114, 115, 667, 777, UCD 5

### » FOOD MATCH

Lamb, beef, venison, peking duck, roast turkey, salmon, tuna, creamy blue veined cheese.

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