



Braided River

Marlborough, Pinot Noir

Quite a spicy, earthy style of pinot with a little musky lift across the top adding colour and interest, some leafy nuances too. The palate's reasonably taut to start out and then opens to simple, light cherry/berry flavour. Not especially concentrated but balanced all the same.

Score: 88

Quality: ★★☆☆

The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010, Nick Stock,

A smoothly textured Pinot with good ripeness and red currant and dark cherry flavours made more complex by some savoury notes.

Good (Above average example of the style that offers good value)

Quaff, Peter Forrestal

This is the only NZ Pinot under \$20 worth even looking at. We would love there to be more, but this is the one wine we recommend to you this year.

Taste 2009

Matthew Jukes & Tyson Stelzer

This is the second Braided River wine that I have tasted recently and they are certainly looking the goods. Pinot Noir can be a very tricky wine to make, and the New Zealanders have been doing it well for a number of years. It tends to sit in the shadow of its big sister, Sauvignon Blanc.

This Pinot, from Marlborough on the South Island shows cherry and ripened berry fruit with a touch of herb and earthiness. It is very pleasant with balanced oak handling that lets the fruit dominate. A few years in the bottle will add a bit of interest.

Central Western Daily, David Cumming





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Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc

Best-value wines \$25 and under

Quite a strong citrus-fuelled nose, with lime and grapefruit mixed through some peach blossom and gentle tropical notes. The palate has even-handed, balance and decent, flavoursome drive and a balanced, juicy finish with lingering tropical fruits.

Score: 89-91

Quality: ★★★★★

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There has been some discussion on New Zealand sauvignon blanc recently. NZ Wine reports that in the year to October, 35.1 million litres of NZ wine was shipped to Australia; Australian Wine and Brandy Corp reports that in the year to September 18.9 million litres of Australian wine was shipped to NZ.

Recommended this week is: Braided River Sauvignon Blanc 2009 from Marlborough NZ.

Australian Financial Review
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It has a slightly sweaty aroma and a delicate frame, light and clean, with a dry finish and is away from the pungent Marlborough norm.

Drink now. 89/100

Food: Mussel soup

Sydney Morning Herald

Top Summer Picks, Huon Hooke

This superb vintage has benefited from a remarkably warm summer. A note of lemon and lime sits next to bold aromas of gooseberry and a subtle hint of kiwi fruit. The luscious wine is underpinned by an elegant acidity weaving through the palate, a balanced warmth in the fine texture and a long and persistent finish.

Vacations & Travel Magazine

Tasting note

This is a good example of why Marlborough sauvignon is such a good drink. It's restrained, clean, fresh, and plump, with ripe sweet fruit and some cool tropical characters.

Good (Above average example of the style that offers good value.)

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