

DOMAINE GEORGES MICHEL  
LA RESERVE  
MARLBOROUGH  
PINOT NOIR 2006

French based international conglomerate Groupe Georges Michel (GGM) that is the creation of Georges Michel, owns diverse companies ranging from tourism to a prestigious winemaking chateau in Burgundy's southern area, namely Château de Grandmont. After visiting New Zealand, Georges saw immediately the potential for developing the wine producing side of his interests and set about finding a winery and vineyards to produce top quality New Zealand varietals such as Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and the internationally renowned Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.



### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

- WINEMAKER:** Swan Michel B.V& O. Lincoln University
- GRAPE VARIETY:** 100 % Pinot Noir
- FERMENTATION:** This 100% Pinot Noir was harvested as whole clusters. It was fermented with a selected burgundy yeast in open fermenters for over a week before being pressed off. It was then put through full Malolactic fermentation. The wine was then racked into French oak barriques and matured for a further 13 months.
- TASTING NOTES:** Fresh, vibrant and bright ruby in colour, this pinot noir displays a beautifully fragrant bouquet of spicy overtones, damp forest floor, ripe fruit and licorice, integrated with subtle oak characters.  
Finely balanced, complex and supple, the savoury palate reveals cherry compote flavours seasoned with fine French oak (13 months) leading to a long silky finish.
- VINTNER'S NOTES:** Harvested mid April at 23.5 brix,  
Alcohol 13.5%  
Titratable Acidity 5.1 g/L  
Volatile Acidity 0.5 g/L