



# WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



## RESERVE ROSÉ 2021

### TASTING NOTES

Seductive peach colour with subtle notes of nectarine blossom, pink grapefruit and wet stone. The palate is elegant and complex, with textural elements supporting the fine mineral acidity, resulting in a dry finish with incredible length and persistence.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Flowering commenced in the first week of December. During this period, the region experienced less than perfect flowering conditions which resulted in a lower-than-average potential yield. Balance of yield to canopy health was excellent. January, February, and March produced some of the driest months ever recorded with picking beginning in the last week of February and concluding in the last week of March culminating in one of the earliest vintages in the region and also one of the most exceptional harvests we have seen. The warm fine weather through the late summer provided exceptionally clean and healthy fruit, creating the a riper spectrum of tropical fruit flavours, this provided the winemakers with an extensive array of complimentary blending components from which to assemble some fantastic wines. The resulting wines from the 2021 vintage have wonderful fruit concentration aromatic power and defining elegance which are all hallmarks of this outstanding vintage. The elegance and poise seen from the 2021 wines will truly make this one of the most celebrated years for some time.

### VINIFICATION

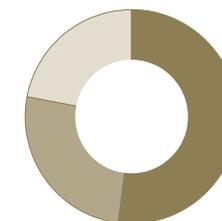
Select parcels of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Merlot were hand harvested in the cool hours of the morning before being gently destemmed to liberate the purest lightly coloured juice without pressing. Fermented in neutral French oak barriques at low temperatures with extended time on lees to give texture and bâtonnage was undertaken on select barrels before gentle racking with nitrogen for blending.

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

Pink Grapefruit		Nectarine	
Floral		Mineral	

## VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Home	
Old Renwick	
Angler	



## TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested 10th - 24th March 2021

Alc	12.8%
RS	2g/L
TA	8.2/L
pH	3.12



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