

# WAIRAU RIVER



#### MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND

#### **ROSÉ 2022**

# TASTING NOTES

Displaying subtle floral notes combined with lifted aromas of strawberry and raspberry. These characters translate generously to the palate, which is finely balanced by delicate acidity and an off dry finish.

#### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

After a lower yielding 2021 vintage, Marlborough was blessed with outstanding weather in December providing near perfect flowering conditions and a subsequent great fruit set. This translated into an increased number of berries per bunch, and helped offset the slightly lower than average bunch numbers which was a result of the cooler weather we experienced during flowering in 2020. The great weather conditions continued through January with above average daily temperatures and sunshine hours, punctuated by timely periods of rainfall. This ensured optimal soil water status giving great canopy development and health. Initially it looked like an early start to harvest but then we saw periods with cooler temperatures and increased rainfall in late January and early February. This slowed development and extended the ripening period with harvest commencing in the 3rd week of March and concluding at the end of April. The extended ripening period has lead to wines with great balance and poise ensuring some outstanding components to go into this years' blends.

# VINIFICATION

Made from Pinot Noir, the grapes were harvested in the cool hours of the morning, crushed lightly allowing the skins and juice to gently macerate achieving the light blush colour and delicate tannins we like for our style of Rosé. The berries were then gently pressed and the juice taken to stainless steel vats for fermentation. After blending, the wine was left to settle before bottling on the Wairau River Estate.

#### FLAVOUR PROFILE

Strawberry	Raspberry	
Floral	Watermelon	

# VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Old Renwick	
Rapaura	
Angler	
Spring Creek	0

# TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested 16th March - 5 April 2022		
Alc	12.5%	
RS	5.94g/L	
TA	7.6g/L	
рН	3.36	

