



WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



PINOT NOIR 2022

TASTING NOTES

Concentrated raspberry and red cherry notes are supported by rich savory complexity. The palate is soft and generous, with notes of wild berries and bramble framed by subtle elegant tannins providing structure and depth.

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 led to wines with great balance and poise ensuring some outstanding components to go into this years' blends.

VINIFICATION






Grapes were harvested in the cool of the morning to retain vibrancy and focus. Gentle destemming was followed by cold maceration pre-fermentation, with gentle hand plunging used during fermentation to extract colour and tannins.

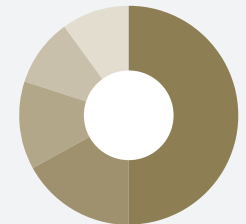
The skins were gently basket pressed, with the wine matured in French oak barriques, prior to blending and bottling.

FLAVOUR PROFILE

Cherries		Raspberries	
Spices		Earth	

VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Home Block	
Mahers	
The Angler	
Crusher	
Kaituna	



TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested 18th – 29th April 2022

Alc	13.0%
RS	0.2g/L
TA	5.4g/L
pH	3.66



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