



WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



PINOT NOIR 2023

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

Warm settled weather in spring and early summer provided great conditions for flowering and fruit set, resulting in yields more aligned with the long-term average than in previous vintages.

The classic dry windy weather which Marlborough normally experiences throughout summer was replaced this year with extended periods of cloud cover and rainfall, causing some initial concern from the viticulture and winemaking teams. However, once ripening commenced the weather settled and remained fine and windy throughout harvest.

The increased soil moisture ultimately resulted in excellent canopy development and overall vine health, alleviating any initial disease concerns, and the reduced sunshine hours and cooler daily temperatures helped slow and extend the ripening period resulting in wines of intense concentration and poise. Harvesting progressed smoothly with the favourable weather conditions allowing the winemakers to hang the bunches out on the vine to achieve optimum ripeness, with picking commencing in the third week of March and completed before the end of April.

VINIFICATION

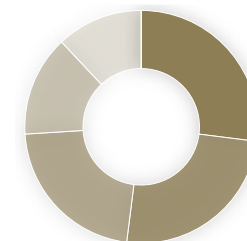
Grapes were harvested in the cool hours of the morning to retain vibrancy and focus. Prior to fermentation, the grapes were destemmed and held at cool temperatures for a few days to maximize color. Gentle hand plunging during fermentation extracted further color and tannins, after which the skins were basket pressed. The wine matured in French oak barrique where it underwent full malolactic fermentation prior to blending and bottling.

FLAVOUR PROFILE

Cherries		Raspberries	
Spices		Vanilla	

VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Mahers	
Crusher	
Home Block	
Kaituna	
Angler	



TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested from 22 March - 06 April 2023

Alc	13%
RS	0.28g/L
TA	5.4g/L
pH	3.72



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