



Seresin.

LEAH PINOT NOIR 2022



pH - 3.55
TA - 5.8 g/L
RS - Dry
Alc - 13%
Total SO₂ - 52 ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek
Clones - 10/5, 777, 5, Abel, 6
Yield - 6 Tonnes/ hectare
Oak - 10 months, 15% new

Certified Organic

Suitable for Vegans

Tasting Notes

A blend deriving from our favourite Pinot Noir Clones on Osip hill, a north facing slope the sits majestically on the Raupo vineyard. Leah is named after Michael Seresin's daughter. This gorgeous Pinot Noir reflects the cool climate growing conditions that endure in the Omaka Valley, Marlborough. Vibrant, crunchy and expressing dense dark fruit aromas that integrate well with spice and earthy notes. The palate is fleshy and structured, yet supple and elegant. It held together by focused, fine acidity.

Winemaking

The fruit was hand-picked, destemmed and fermented in small batches. Fermentation was with a combination of both wild and selected yeasts. The wine was left on skins for 3-4 weeks with gentle plunging during ferment, before being drained, lightly pressed and transferred to aged French Oak barrels. The wine went through natural malolactic fermentation during 10 months maturation, before it was bottled lightly filtered and unfinned.

Vintage

2022 will be remembered for its challenging nature, which kept us on our toes after a run of remarkably effortless vintages in a row. Dry, stable weather over flowering led to an abundant fruit set, and with consistent small rain events we enjoyed fantastic vigour across the whole vineyard. Leading into the harvest period the region endured some significant rainfall events, which increased berry and bunch size, but also disease pressure, unfortunately. Luckily we had an excellent team working tirelessly in the vineyard to mitigate this and also crop thin throughout the whole vineyard, with an extra focus on the Pinot Noir. We started picking Pinot Noir on 16th March and finished picking with a botrytis style Riesling on 19th May.

It must be said, after the early and fast and furious nature of the previous vintages, a vintage that was a touch later and spread out between each variety was really welcomed. With a great picking team and a focus solely on the Raupo vineyard, we were able to pick each plot before any real disease pressure took a hold.

Viticulture

Our clay rich Raupo Creek vineyard, farmed following organic and biodynamic principles is located in the centre of the Omaka Valley. This vineyard has a gentle north-west facing aspect and enjoys high sunshine hours and minimal rain.