

Wairau River Estate Pinot Noir 2022



Region

Marlborough is by far New Zealand's largest grape growing region with more than two-thirds of all plantings. First planted in 1873 it is known in the region by the Maori name, Kei puta te Wairau meaning 'the place with the hole in the cloud' due to its very high 2,410 sunshine hours a year. High sunshine and a dry growing season help to create the famous intense flavours. Generally, plantings are in two main valleys of Wairau and Awatere. Much of the land is alluvial river basin with well-drained soils that provide an ideal for Sauvignon Blanc and clay slopes better suited Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris.

Producer

Wairau River wines take their name from the river that runs through the heart of the Marlborough wine region. (Wairau is Maori for 'many waters'). The Rose family were pioneers in planting vines in the 1970's and after originally selling the grapes to other wineries (like Cloudy Bay) they launched their own label in the early 1990's. Today their foresight has created a very successful company which remains family owned and run. Wairau River is one of the largest independent wine estates in Marlborough, and the range of elegant wines is characteristically expressive of its Marlborough roots.

Tasting Notes

An excellent expression of varietal character with concentrated notes of raspberry, cherry and wild berry fruits, accompanied with rich savoury bramble and hints of oak. and supple tannins for an elegant structure. This Pinot Noir comes from low yielding vines to create wines this great intensity of flavour. The grapes are destemmed and fermented in open top container with hand plunging for more extraction of flavour and tannin and then aged in oak for 9 months, creating a Pinot Noir to rival those from Burgundy.

Food

Lamb, Spiced Duck, Char Siu Pork, Roast Chicken with Confit Ragù, Wild mushrooms and Polenta with Goat cheese and Herbs, Mushroom Risotto

Technical Information

Country	New Zealand	Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Region	Marlborough	Alcohol Content	13.5%
Grape(s)	Pinot Noir (100%)	Closure Style	Screw cap
Type	Red	Organic/Biodynamic	No
Style	Light	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes
Body Style	Light bodied		
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable		



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