

# WAIRAU RIVER



#### MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND

## **ROSÉ 2023**

#### TASTING NOTES

Delicate floral aromatics intermingle with an abundance of strawberry and raspberry notes on the nose. The palate is finely balanced, with mineral acidity providing length and a complexing briny character that supports the fresh stone fruit, strawberry and citrus flavours.

Finishing with a hint of residual sweetness, this is a wine that epitomises summer in a glass. Pure, crisp and undeniably delicious!

#### 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 Marlborough normally experiences throughout summer was this year replaced 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

Pinot Noir grapes were harvested in the cool hours of the morning to retain freshness and vibrancy, followed by direct pressing without maceration to achieve the perfect flavour balance and pale blush colour. Fermented in stainless steel tanks, individual parcels were kept on light lees prior to blending to increase the balance and harmony of the palate, followed by finishing and bottling on the Wairau River estate.

### FLAVOUR PROFILE

Strawberry	Raspberry	
Pink Grapefruit	Stonefruit	

#### VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Rapaura		
Springcreek	•	
Old Renwick		
Angler		
Home Block	0	

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested from 16 March - 11 April 2023		
Alc	12.3%	
RS	5.5g/L	
TA	7.1g/L	
pH	3.43	

