

ROHE SOUTHERN VALLEYS PINOT NOIR 2021



TASTING NOTES

Dark cherry, violet and cinnamon spice aromas complement red fruit, chocolate and subtle spice flavours on the palate. The fruit flavours are framed with supple tannins and a core of juicy acidity. This wine is immediately enjoyable but will continue to drink well for the next eight years.

THE SUBREGION

The clay rich soils of the Southern Valleys subregion naturally restrict vine vigour and produce Pinot Noir fruit with concentrated flavours and supple tannins. This subregion sits inland, away from the Marlborough coast, with cool evening temperatures during the critical ripening period.

2023 SEASONAL CONDITIONS

Rainfall: 396mm | LTA: 602

Growing degree days: 1186 LTA: 1142

Average diurnal temperature fluctuation: 21.3°C.

2021 was one of the earliest and shortest Marlborough vintages on record. The growing season was the third in a series of drought vintages, the stress on the vines was compounded by a huge wind run. The combination of some early frost events and a poor flowering resulted in lower yields and smaller bunches than usual. This, combined with the dry conditions, has meant that disease levels are incredibly low this year, resulting in pristine fruit with good concentration.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine was hand-harvested from vineyards planted with traditional Dijon clones, located in the Ben Morven, Waihopai and Omaka Valleys. The fruit was cold soaked for five days, prior to natural fermentation.

The ferment included 25% whole bunch for elevated aromatics. After fermentation the must was pressed and the wine aged for ten months in 225L French oak barriques, with a total of 30% new oak.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil types: Renwick stoney loam, Timaru deep silt, Temuka deep clay.

Total land area: 28.7ha

Average vine age: 17 years

Clonal information: Rootstock 3309, 3306 and Schwarzmann.

Scion material: 777,667 and 115.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total acidity: 6.0g/L

Residual sugar: 0.4 g/L

pH: 3.51

ACCOLADES

94 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2022

95 Points – Wine Orbit 2022

95 Points – Candice Chow 2022

94 Points – David Walker-Bell 2022

94 Points – Cam Douglas MS 2022

18.5/20 – Joelle Thomson 2022

17 Points – Jancis Robinson 2023

4.5 Stars – Yvonne Lorkin 2022

4.5 Stars – Michael Cooper Buyers Guide 2022

