

RAPAURA SPRINGS

# ROHE

## AWATERE PINOT NOIR – 2021

### TASTING NOTES

This elegant Pinot Noir has lifted floral aromatics, with layers of red cherry, cassis and blueberry. The pure fruit flavours are balanced with a subtle spice, savoury fruit tannins, texture and juicy acidity.

### THE SUB-REGION

The soils in the Awatere are complex, encompassing a matrix of shallow to moderately deep silty loams, with pockets of sand, gravel and clay on higher terraces. The sub-region is drier and cooler with plenty of low-vigour sites, well suited to Pinot Noir.

### WINEMAKING

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. The fruit for this was harvested from low-vigour clay terrace

vineyards on March 11. The fruit was cold soaked for five days prior to fermentation, a small portion was fermented as whole bunch. After fermentation, the must was pressed and the wine aged for ten months in French oak, including 12% of new oak.

### THE STORY

Rohe, meaning territory in Te Reo Māori, is a range of wines that showcase Marlborough's sub-regions and share our perspective of a remarkable region. Each bottle of Rapaura Springs tells the story of a lifetime here in Marlborough. Of water and wine, and of generations of family working with nature. Adorning every label on every bottle of our wine is a simple symbol – a circle of rocks that signify the pure spring in our home vineyard in the heart of Marlborough. The Rapaura Springs are more than just a life force for our vines and a logo on our bottles. Their purity is a daily reminder to protect the water and land that make our wines exceptional.

### ACCOLADES

Gold Medal - National Wine Awards of Aotearoa NZ 2022

Gold Medal – NZ International Wine Show 2022

94 Points – Cameron Douglas MS 2022

94 Points – Wine Orbit 2022

92 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2022

94 Points – David Walker-Bell 2022

94 Points – Candice Chow 2022

17 Points - Julia Harding MW (Jancis Robinson) 2023

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total acidity: 5.9g/L

Residual sugar: 0.3g/L

Bottle Barcode: 9421003772359

Carton Barcode: 19421003772363

