



RAPAURA SPRINGS

Single Vineyard



SOUTH BROOK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR – 2022

TASTING NOTES

This Pinot Noir displays lifted aromas of red current, dark berry fruits, cassis and mocha, with a subtle green peppercorn spice. The palate is rich, displaying complex dark cherry and mixed berry fruits, layered over fresh herbs and cinnamon spice notes, finishing with refined acidity and rounded oak tannins.

THE VINEYARD

The South Brook vineyard is located in the Fairhall Valley within the Marlborough Southern Valleys. This hillside site has several microclimates, creating unique fruit characteristics, which combine for a complex and layered flavour profile. The clay soils in this vineyard are planted with traditional Dijon clones and produce Pinot Noir with intense dark cherry and berry characters.

WINEMAKING

The 2022 growing season began with significant rain, marking the end of three years of drought in Marlborough. A period of warmth in early December produced a welcome and better than average fruit-set. In late February we had a couple of significant rains which replenished the soil moisture

levels that had reduced during summer. During the two weeks that followed we had cool days and nights, which meant the acidities remained on the high side. Harvest coincided with the peak of New Zealand's Omicron outbreak, which put some pressure on staffing. Excellent teamwork meant we were able to harvest our fruit as it was ready, retaining vibrant acidity and concentrated fruit flavour.

The fruit for this wine was hand-selected, hand-picked then taken straight to the winery. Our Pinot Noir was cold soaked for seven days, prior to five individual wild fermentations. A total of 10% of the ferments included whole bunch components, for additional complexity. After fermentation, the must was pressed and the wine aged for ten months in French oak barriques, with a total of 30% new oak.

THE STORY

Our Single Vineyard wines hail from premium vineyard sites and represent the best of our region. Each bottle of Rapaura Springs tells the story of a lifetime. Of water and wine, and of generations of family working with nature. Our label depicts the rocky aquifer at our home vineyard, and the pristine springs that connect it to our land. We make exceptional wines that reflect our remarkable landscapes, pure waterways and passionate people.

ACCOLADES

- 95 Points - Candice Chow 2023
- 93 Points - Cam Douglas MS 2023
- 92 Points - James Suckling 2023
- 92+ Points - Erin Larkin 2023

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.61

TA: 5.8g/L

RS: 0.3g/L

Bottle Barcode: 9421003772434

Carton Barcode: 19421003772448

