



VILLA MARIA
NEW ZEALAND



Single Vineyard

SEDDON, MARLBOROUGH

Seddon Pinot Noir 2021

Winemakers Comment

This expression of Pinot Noir is grown on the southern side of the Awatere River in the Seddon Vineyard. It is recognised for producing distinctive red cherry and raspberry flavours with savoury notes of bay leaf. The palate has soft tannins, a juicy linear acidity and culinary herb notes with hints of smooth dark chocolate from the subtle use of French oak.

Vintage

Summer was dry and mild with Marlborough's signature high sunshine hours and cool nights delivering fruit in the best possible condition. The early autumn in 2021 provided Marlborough with very stable weather conditions therefore fruit was able to reach optimum physiological and flavour ripeness. The fruit was impeccably clean and the lower yields meant that the grapes packed a punch in flavour and concentration.

Vineyard & Winemaking

SUBREGIONS: Awatere Valley

YIELD: 1.75-2.0kg per vine

SOILS: Wind blown silts over papa base (blue-grey mudstone)

VINES: 81% clone 5; 15% clone 777; 4% Abel clone

The fruit for this single vineyard wine comes from within the Seddon Vineyard. The river terrace on the southern bank of the Awatere River was planted in 1998. Whilst in a cool climate, this vineyard is protected from the cooler southern breezes resulting in a warmer microclimate.

Winemaking Data

VARIETIES: 100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.62

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.2g/l

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.1g/l

FERMENTATION: Hand picked, destemmed into open top stainless steel, hand plunged daily for 18-24 days.

BARREL TYPE: 9% new & 81% seasoned french oak

MATURATION: 14 months resting in oak barrels and 9 months settling in stainless steel. No palate fining and minimal filtration.