

BEAUTIFUL CHAOS Natural White 2022

Beauty resides within Chaos and Chaos within Beauty.

Both grape growing and wine making have elements of beauty and chaos embedded within. A natural progression was to embrace a little more chaos and beauty within these two related cultures. Therefore the name Beautiful Chaos seemed appropriate for these wines. They are different from any other wines we make. Hence the name. And new label. Despite this, they are very much a part of our evolving culture.'

- Michael Seresin



pH - 3.37 TA - 5.2g/L RS - Dry Alc - 12% Total SO2 - 28 mg/L

Vineyard - Raupo Creek Blend - 62% Pinot Gris, 38% Riesling

Certified Organic

Suitable for Vegans

Tasting Notes	A gorgeous shade of Amber, this Organic and Biodynamic aromatic blend has been handpicked and fermented for 24 days naturally on skins, then bottled without any stabilisation, fining or filtration. The result is a highly aromatic and deliciously dry, textured wine that exudes exotic fruit and ginger spice; complemented by a firm phenolic structure.
Winemaking	Two parcels of Pinot Gris and one of Riesling were each harvested by hand, destemmed then fermented naturally and aged on skins in small clay amphorae and a small stainless tank. The parcels were gently hand plunged daily during fermentation and left on skins for a total of 24 days. After ferment, the first pick of Pinot Gris was basket pressed to neutral oak and the later pick of Pinot Gris was pressed with the Riesling to neutral oak. The wine remained in barrel on lees for five months undergoing malolactic fermentation naturally. The barrels were then racked gently into a small stainless steel vessel to clarify naturally for two weeks prior to bottling. It was bottled without any stabilisation, fining or filtration and with a minimal sulphur addition.
Vintage	2022 will be remembered for its challenging nature, which kept us on our toes after a run of remarkably effortless vintages in a row. Dry, stable weather over flowering lead to an abundant fruit set, and with consistent small rain events we enjoyed fantastic vigour across the whole vineyard. Leading into the harvest period the region endured some significant rainfall events, which increased berry and bunch size, but also disease pressure, unfortunately. Luckily we had an excellent team working tirelessly in the vineyard to mitigate this and also crop thin throughout the whole vineyard, with an extra focus on the Pinot Noir. We started picking Pinot Noir on 16th March and finished picking with a botrytis style Riesling on 19th May.
	It must be said, after the early and fast and furious nature of the previous vintages, a vintage that was a touch later and spread out between each variety was really welcomed. With a great picking team and a focus solely on the Raupo vineyard, we were able to pick each plot before any real disease pressure took a hold.
Viticulture	Our clay rich Raupo vineyard, farmed following organic and biodynamic principles is located in the centre of the Omaka Valley. This vineyard has a gentle north-west facing aspect and enjoys high sunshine hours and minimal rain.



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