

BEAUTIFUL CHAOS PINOT NOIR 2021



pH - 3.67

TA - 5.0g/L

RS - Dry

Alc - 13%

Total SO2 - No added SO2

Vineyard - Raupo Creek Blend -Pinot Noir Clone 777 & 115

Organic and Biodynamic

Suitable for Vegetarians & Vegans

Tasting Notes

The 2021 Beautiful Chaos Pinot Noir embodies a minimalist, mindful way of winemaking. Luscious biodynamic Pinot Noir grapes have been fermented and aged in amphorae, with the only ingredient being the grape. The result is an incredibly transparent, yet vibrant and lush expression of Pinot Noir, that is supported by layers of dense red fruits. The wine has been bottled unfined, unfiltered and free of sulphur.

Winemaking

Certified organic grapes were hand-picked in two different clonal batches. The first, the close planted 777 Clone was placed directly into a small clay amphora pot, 100% destemmed. The second pick, coming from the 115 clone, was 100% destemmed and placed into an open puncheon and the very small remaining balance into a small open top stainless steel vessel. Both batches undertook fermentation naturally, and were plunged gently daily. The fruit remained on skins, for approximately three weeks in total, where all vessels were covered and given a wet cap daily, and stored with no additions. Both components were pressed off, blended together, then returned gently into amphorae for three and a half months for further aging and to undergo malolactic fermentation naturally. The Amphorae 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 without any added sulphur. For the final blend, clone 777, represents 85% and the clone 115 represents 15%.

Vintage

After a mild winter, there was a period of quite heavy frost events, that kept the vineyard team on their toes ensuring all of the fragile young shoots were protected. After overcoming this, growth was great and consistent across the whole vineyard. However during flowering a combination of lower temperatures and rainfall did not allow all of the flowers to set, and culminated in many flowers setting at different times. This resulted in markedly small bunches and a good deal of hen and chicken throughout the vineyard, particularly in our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir plots.

During the last piece of the growing season, the weather was on our side and provided beautiful summer days yet cold nights, that aided in retaining decent acidity, and extremely clean fruit which enabled the team to make picking decisions at exactly the right moment for each plot on the vineyard. We will remember this vintage as being one of the best yet for overall quality - full of flavours but very light on yields.

Viticulture

Sourced from our clay-rich hillside Raupo Creek vineyard, which as a gentle north-west facing aspect, settled in the centre of the Omaka Valley. The vineyard is farmed following organic and biodynamic principles.





