

## SERESIN ESTATE LEAH PINOT NOIR 2017

A blend from two of our vineyard sites, Leah is named after Michael Seresin's daughter. Exhibits bright, fragrant berry-fruit aromas, interlaced with spice and herbal notes. The wine is focused and concentrated, with a succulent fruit core, framed by fine-grained tannins and a mouth-watering acidity. An elegant and understated style with immediate appeal, but structure to last.

## Vintage:

2017 was a memorable and challenging vintage. We had a wonderful warm start to the growing season, with good soil moisture helping the vines to grow well. We then experienced cold temperatures during flowering, resulting in lower yields and smaller bunches. The harvest itself was fast and furious, one of the most compact we have ever experienced with challenging rain events just before and during harvest. The resulting wines having strong natural acidity and intense fruit flavours from the colder season.

## Viticulture:

The large majority of the fruit comes from the clay-rich hillside of the Raupo Creek Vineyard, which is located in the Omaka Valley. A small portion comes from the Noa vineyard grown on Waimakariri alluvial soils, located in the Wairau Valley.

## Winemaking:

The fruit was hand-picked, destemmed and cool soaked in tank. The must was then warmed and fermented with wild yeast, and the caps hand-plunged daily during fermentation. The wine was left on skins for 4-5 weeks, then drained, lightly pressed and transferred to aged French oak barriques. The wine went through natural malolactic fermentation during 11 months maturation, before it was bottled lightly filtered and unfined.

VARIETIES: 100% Pinot Noir Clones: 10/5, 777, 115, 5, & Abel

Vineyard: 99.43% Raupo Creek & 0.57% Noa

OAK: 11 months in French barrique

YEILD: 6 tonnes per hectare

ALCOHOL: 13%

RS: Dry PH: 3.69

TA: 6.4 g/l Total S02: 54ppm

BOTTLING DATE: 29th September 2018

PRODUCTION: 3000 cases



Certified Organic and Biodynamic. Suitable for vegans & vegetarians. No dairy products or eggs used in fining Contains sulphites.

