

Zosia Pinot Noir Rosé 2021



pH - 3.29 TA - 6.4 g/L RS - Dry Alc - 12.5% Total SO2 - 60 ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek Clones - Abel Yield - 6 Tonnes/ hectare Oak - 6 months

Certified Organic

Suitable for Vegans

Tasting Notes

A truly charming, graceful yet powerful rosé that has been crafted to wholly represent a small, special plot of Pinot Noir within the Raupo vineyard. Highly aromatic, brimming with classic Pinot Noir rosé notes of wild berry fruits, vanilla and florals. Exudes elegance and purity on the palate, yet with many dimensions, textures and a tension that gives great length; aided by a dry finish and refreshing acidity that completes the wine.

Winemaking

Pristine Pinot Noir grapes, all from a single plot in the Raupo vineyard, were machine harvested under cool morning conditions. The fruit was loaded directly into the press without crushing, gently pressed and settled overnight naturally, then racked to neutral oak barriques. Wild fermentation took place, and then the batch remained on full lees for six weeks after fermentation, prior to racking and a sulphur addition. As a result, partial malolactic fermentation has taken place, also wild. The wine was then returned to neutral oak barriques for a further two months aging, and then blended and filtered, prior to bottling.

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 our clay-rich Raupo Creek vineyard, which has a gentle north-west facing aspect, settled in the centre of the Omaka Valley. This vineyard is managed following Organic and Biodynamic principles.



