

Sun & Moon Pinot Noir 2015



pH - 3.68 TA - 5.7

RS - 1.2 g/L

Alc - 14%

Total SO2 - 64ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek Clones - 115 & 777 & 10/5 Yield - 2 Tonnes/ hectare <1kg fruit per vine

Oak - 18 months, 25% new

Production: 172 cases

Organic and Biodynamic

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans

Tasting Notes

A wholly elegant and "old world" expression of Pinot noir, Sun and Moon is the essence of the very finest micro plots that grow on the Osip hill at our Raupo vineyard in the Omaka Valley. Highly perfumed, exuding bright, crunchy red fruits and earthy herbal aromas. The palate is tightly knitted together and full of texture, showing a shade of femininity but also great length and depth of flavour. Drink now and cellar up to 2032.

Winemaking

A carefully selected batch of Pinot Noir fruit was hand harvested from our Osip clay slopped hill on the Raupo vineyard. The fruit was destemmed into small stainless steel open top tanks, whereby natural fermentation took place. Gentle hand plunging took place twice daily. After an extended period on skins of up to 6 weeks, the batches were pressed gently and then racked to French oak barrels for 10 months (25% new). They were then blended and then returned to French oak puncheons for a further 8 months. The wine was then bottled unfined and unfiltered.

Vintage

A cool start to the year, with some late frosts, but the weather was settled for flowering and fruit set. The summer was warm and very dry, resulting in berries and bunches being smaller than average. Harvest took place in good conditions, resulting in fruit which showed aromatic ripeness as well as a balanced, fresh acidity.

Viticulture

The fruit for this wine comes from the steep hill block of our clay rich hillside Raupo Creek vineyard in Marlborough's Omaka Valley. Each vine is hand tended throughout the season to create a balanced canopy and optimise fruit quality. The ideal yield is for the vine to carry one bunch per shoot or less — under 1kg of fruit per vine so careful thinning ensures this complexity.



