

# Leah Pinot Noir 2023



pH - 3.6 TA - 5.9 g/L RS - Dry Alc - 14% Total SO<sub>2</sub> - 59 ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek

Clones - 10/5, Abel, 777, 115, 5, 6

Yield - 5.5 Tonnes/hectare Oak - 8 months, 11% new

Organic & Biodynamic

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans

## Tasting Notes

A majestic introduction to Seresin Pinot Noir. Lifted notes of violets and dark berry fruits prevail, that intermingle seamlessly with earthy, forest floor aromas. Surely one of the best vintages we have seen from Raupo, and this is reflected on the palate with a concentrated and highly structed wine, that is supported by supple tannins and purity of fruit.

### Winemaking

Six different clones were picked, destemmed and fermented in small batches with wild yeast. The wine was left on skins for 3-4 weeks with gentle plunging during ferment, before being drained, lightly pressed and transferred to French Oak barrels. The wine went through natural malolactic fermentation during 8 months maturation, before it was bottled lightly filtered and unfined.

#### Vintage

Despite the challenging season that Mother Nature provided early on, the vineyard at Raupo shone, looking remarkably vibrant, alive and healthy. We were blessed also with a lovely even flowering so the bunches in general were smaller and evenly spread across the canopy, and naturally low. Smaller berries and bunches certainly gave a level of concentration that was welcomed.

The season was not easy, and certainly wet in the months leading up to harvest; so to see the cleanliness of the fruit was very encouraging. This was a direct result of the judicious management by our vineyard team, who worked tirelessly all season despite the weather. Luckily, for the first time in several years, for the whole harvest period, we had a run of very dry, settled weather which enabled the team to harvest each plot exactly when we wished.

#### Viticulture

Our clay rich Raupo Creek 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.



