

THE KING'S DESIRE PINOT NOIR ROSÉ 2022

ORIGIN

Sourced from The Slopes, our Waihopai Valley and Leefield Station vineyards in the Southern Valleys of Marlborough.

VARIETY

100% Pinot Noir.

VINTAGE

Record rainfall in July, August and a warm start to September, permitted an energetic start to the growing season. This coincided with double the usual number of frosts which were replaced by warmer temperatures and humid northerly airflows in October. Early season varieties flowered rapidly while later season varieties were slightly challenged by a cool, wet start to December. Increasing temperatures and a warm, dry January ultimately ensured an abundance of fruit.

Despite heavy February rains, good vineyard practice and increased sunshine hours through the tail end of February meant the vast majority of the resulting fruit was clean and ripe.

Harvesting began in early March due to early season disease pressure with positive fruit flavours indicating physiological ripeness.

The team are excited about the structural diversity and bright complex flavours of the 2022 wines.

WINEMAKING

Pinot Noir was harvested by a combination of hand and machine when the fruit was at its optimal ripeness. The hand harvested fruit was whole bunch pressed and racked into old oak for fermentation. The machine harvested portion was pressed to stainless steel tanks to retain freshness and fruit purity. Regular lees stirring of the barrel portions helped to build opulence and mouthfeel. Our best Rosé components were blended in winter before filtration and bottling.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13.0%
pH	3.34
T.A	6.1g/L
Residual sugar	1.1g/L
Vegan Certified	

TASTING NOTE

Made with a nod to Provence, this lighter style rosé demonstrates aromas of crab-apple with hints of mango and orange blossom. The generous palate is textured with vibrant citrus notes, which leads into a refreshingly crisp acid finish.

FOOD MATCHING

The King's Desire 2022 is best enjoyed with a delectable cheese platter or try it with fresh grilled salmon and vegetable kebabs.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

3 Years.

