



Seresin.

RACHEL PINOT NOIR 2023



pH - 3.62
TA - 5.6 g/L
RS - Dry
Alc - 14%
Total SO₂ - 74 ppm

Vineyard - Raupo Creek
Clones - 10/5, Abel, 777, 115, 6
Yield - 5.5 Tonnes/hectare
Oak - 10 months, 35% new

Organic & Biodynamic

Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans

Tasting Notes

A mystical blend from the very best clones planted on our biodynamically farmed vineyard, Raupo Creek. Rachel is aptly named after Michael Seresin's mother. Highly fragrant and aromatic, the nose is a heady perfume of dark cherry and plum, that integrate subtlety with earthy and spicy notes. A high energy wine that is full of finesse and vibrancy yet has structure and power, and maturity that bodes very well for a long life.

Winemaking

Each clone was hand-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 10 months maturation, before it was bottled lightly filtered and unfinned.

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 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 us 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.

