

OLD COACH ROAD

BY THE SEIFRIED FAMILY

SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWERS

NELSON PINOT NOIR 2023

WINE ANALYSIS

Vineyard: Seifried Brightwater and Rabbit Island vineyards

Sugar at Harvest: 23.6°Brix

Date of Harvest: Mid - Late March 2023

pH of Wine: 3.67

T.A of Wine: 5.4g/L

Suitable for Vegans and Vegetarians: Yes

THE VINEYARD

Our Brightwater vineyard is situated 15 km from the coast and is sheltered from the south by the Richmond ranges. The 'soil' is a combination of rocks and boulders which is very hard on farm equipment but vital for holding the warmth of Nelson's sun.

Our Rabbit Island vineyard is situated on a wide river flat. The soil is made up of gravelly, sandy loam, which marks the sites of Māori kūmara (sweet potato) beds prior to European settlement in the early 1800s. The Māori transferred and spread fine gravel and sand over the land to provide suitable soils for their kūmara plantings. Scrub was burned to give ash and charcoal, which increased soil fertility and gave characteristic topsoil. This fertility is now considerably reduced due to modern farming. The soils are, however, very sandy and free-draining. The water table is relatively high, ensuring adequate underground water.

WINEMAKERS NOTE

The fruit in our 2023 Old Coach Road Nelson Pinot Noir comes from both our Brightwater and Rabbit Island vineyards where the Pinot Noir vines are well over thirty years in age and are showing great maturity and depth of flavour.

Parcels of fruit were picked incrementally in March 2023 at the peak of flavour and phenolic ripeness. The de-stemmed fruit had a brief cold maceration period before individual parcels of fruit were inoculated for fermentation. Throughout fermentation plunging occurred twice daily and was tapered off to once daily as the fermentation finished. The young wine was drained to new, one and two-year-old French barriques for malolactic fermentation and barrel aging. The wine was stabilised and bottled January 2024.

TASTING NOTE

Our 2023 Old Coach Road Nelson Pinot Noir is concentrated and rich due to the light yielding vintage 2023 for our Pinot Noir crop in Nelson. Rich succulent dark berries and gentle savoury notes come through on the nose and palate. Warm spicy oak flavours frame the warm succulent palate and leave a long impression after the wine has gone.



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