



# AOTEA

by the Seifried family

## NELSON PINOT NOIR 2021



### Awards

4 Stars - Cuisine Magazine, New Zealand, May 2024  
Silver - The Global Pinot Noir Masters 2023, United Kingdom  
Silver - The New Zealand International Wine Show 2023

### Wine Analysis

Vineyard: Seifried Rabbit Island vineyard  
Date of Harvest: Mid-late March 2021  
pH of Wine: 3.51  
T.A of Wine: 5.8g/L  
Residual Sugar: dry <1g/L  
Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans: Yes

*“Medium coloured with black florals and a cherry reduction on the nose alongside a cracked black-pepper character. The elegant palate is well concentrated and bold with currants, raspberries and blackberries. The bold juicy acid gives structure and length.”*

*Judges Comments, Cuisine Magazine, May 2024*

### The Vineyard

Our Rabbit Island vineyard is situated on a wide river flat. The soil is gravelly sandy loam which is very free-draining. This vineyard is about 1.5 km from the sea, which helps moderate temperatures. The soils help us to restrict plant vigour and to crop at low levels. To further enhance the aromatics we removed leaves to allow light penetration and air movement around the fruiting zone.

### Winemakers Note

The Aotea Nelson Pinot Noir 2021 is a barrel selection of wine that our winemakers consider the best Pinot Noir from the 2021 vintage. The grapes were picked in March at their peak of ripeness and then promptly destemmed and transferred to open-top fermenters. A two day cold-maceration period preceded inoculation for fermentation. Hand plunging was carried out two times a day during the ten day primary fermentation, then the wine was drained from ferment. After pressing, the young wine was drained into French barriques where it underwent malolactic fermentation and ageing. The wine was blended and bottled in June 2022.

### Tasting Note

The 2021 Aotea by the Seifried Family Pinot Noir has lovely intensity and deep aromatics of plums, blackberry and cinnamon stick. The palate has layers of ripe fruit and generous oak tannins framing the wine and leaving a lasting impression on the palate.

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