

VINTAGE 2022

WINEMAKER Sanna Stander

VINEYARDS Long Lane, Awatere Valley - 60%, Starborough Terrace, Awatere Valley - 40%

VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir

CLONE Abel

SUSTAINABLY FARMED 100%

New Zealand Sustainable Winegrowing Certified

ALCOHOL 13.5%

TOTAL PRODUCTION 900 Cases

ACIDITY pH of 3.7; TA of 5.4 g/L UPC 859481003785



RIVER FARM

VINTAGE NOTES

VINEYARD INFORMATION: River Farm is fortunate to have family owned vineyards in both the Wairau and Awatere Valleys. Although both valley's are located in Marlborough, they each have differences in soil and climate forming their own unique characteristic fruit flavors.

LABEL NOTES: The crystal clear water of the Awatere River is the life blood of River Farm and the source for the alluvial soils that give the wines their unique character.

WINEMAKING: The whole clusters were gently de-stemmed before undergoing fermentation by naturally occurring 'wild' vineyard yeast. The resulting wine was aged in both new 20% and sesasoned oak barrels for 11 months with intermittent stirring of the malolactic lees for increased palate weight and mouth feel.

VITICULTURE: The yield on the two vineyards was carefully monitored throughout the growing season. Targeted shoot and bunch thinning was performed to produce low yielding, intensely concentrated fruit. Post-veraison, on color development, additional fruit thinning was done to further enhance bunch uniformity.

The low yielding vines of clone 115, 667 & 777 were carefully monitored during ripening, while the addition in 2022 for the first time of the Abel clone from the Starborough Terrace vineyards has added great structure and a sophisticated, savory element to the resultant wine. All the separate parcels were hand picked at peak maturity and flavour development.

COLOR: Ruby Red

TASTING NOTES: Stylish and elegant with red cherry, raspberry and plum fruit, a subtle hint of cloves, roasted chestnuts and some dried herbs. The succulent palate has more intense red fruit with Black Doris plum, dried cranberry and thyme.

This is a well-structured wine with fine grained tannins and pleasing mid palate weight, supported by a long, lingering finish with savory, toasty oak. **SUSTAINABLE**







