



RIVER FARM

PINOT NOIR 2022

VINTAGE NOTES

VINEYARD INFORMATION: The Awatere Valley is the most geographically distinct, wine-producing sub-region of Marlborough.

Renowned for Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc, the valley benefits from an extended growing season and cool nights. These conditions are ideal for maintaining grape acidity and enhancing aromatic properties. Additionally, the strong maritime winds and low yields play a vital role in shaping the grapes, contributing to the complex flavor profiles of the wines.

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 seasoned 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.

90pts

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