



SOUTH BROOK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR – 2019

TASTING NOTES

Dark cherry and cassis fruits combine with notes of chocolate and five spice. Fine tannins add a textural element to this wine, which is complemented by generous, ripe dark berry fruits.

THE VINEYARD

The South Brook vineyard is located in the Fairhall Valley within the Marlborough Southern Valleys. This hill-side site has several microclimates, creating unique fruit characteristics, which combine for a complex and layered flavour profile. The clay soils in this vineyard are planted with traditional Dijon clones and produce Pinot Noir with intense dark cherry and berry characters.

WINEMAKING

The 2019 Marlborough growing season had a slow start with below average temperatures and higher rainfall resulting in cooler ground temperatures. Extended hot and dry weather resulted in advanced ripening and an earlier than average start to harvest. The fruit for this wine was hand-selected in the cool of the morning,

then taken straight to the winery. Our Pinot Noir was cold soaked for five days, prior to wild fermentation. Whole bunch components (10%) were included for additional complexity. After fermentation, the must was pressed and the wine aged for ten months in French Oak, with a total of 55% new oak (15% puncheon).

THE STORY

Our Single Vineyard wines hail from premium vineyard sites and represent the best of our region. Each bottle of Rapaura Springs tells the story of a lifetime. Of water and wine, and of generations of family working with nature. Our label depicts the rocky aquifer at our home vineyard, and the pristine springs that connect it to our land. We make exceptional wines that reflect our remarkable landscapes, pure waterways and passionate people.

ACCOLADES

93 Points – Bob Campbell
MW, 2021

94 Points – Cameron Douglas
MS, 2020

5 Stars – Sam Kim, Wine
Orbit, 2021

18.5 Points – Candice Chow, 2021

Alcohol: 13%

Total acidity: 6.0g/l

Residual sugar: 0.4g/l

pH: 3.63

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Carton Barcode: 19421003771090

