

THE NED PINOT NOIR 2021

Marlborough, New Zealand



TASTING NOTES: Delicious aromas of wild strawberry, raspberry licorice and dried oregano with a fragrant all spice lift. The fleshy, sweet-fruited palate boasts opulent tannins, notes of smoky French oak and a long juicy finish.

VITICULTURE: The 2021 growing season had an ideal start – early bud burst after a record warm, dry winter (the second warmest since 1932), and an unusually uneventful frost period. Wet weather in the critical months of November and December challenged flowering and fruit set but the southerly position of the Waihopai Valley, with its typically later flowering, protected most of our vineyards from the worst impacts. Harvest started early due to optimal grape ripening from dry summer months and record sunshine hours. Fruit was harvested in pristine condition with a calm, steady flow undeterred by significant rain mid-harvest. Despite smaller yield we captured fruit flavors at their best aided by the absence of vineyard disease, an overall moderately warm, dry season, and proactive harvest plans. The team are very excited by the quality of harvest 2021.

VINIFICATION: Our Pinot Noir vines are planted in the deep clay loams of the Southern Valleys, universally regarded as the finest Pinot Noir terroir in Marlborough. The vines are cane pruned and meticulously tended to achieve a naturally balanced crop of intensely flavored fruit. Ripe fruit was completely destemmed, but not crushed, with the aim of achieving a significant percentage of intact berries in the ferment. Individual batches were macerated cold prior to a five-day fermentation where the cap temperature was allowed to peak at between 30o – 32oC. The wine remained on skins post fermentation to optimize tannin extraction whilst locking in the rich ruby color. Drained and pressed; this wine was aged in a mix of stainless-steel tank and French oak puncheons for nine months during which time it underwent a complete malolactic fermentation. Vegan Certified.

STORY: Born of the Waihopai Valley, The Ned represents the vibrant diversity that is so prevalent in the Marlborough wine-growing region. One of Marlborough's famous peaks, The Ned mountain served as the playground for Marisco founder, Brent Marris, during his youth. The ethos "Young At Heart" encapsulates this wine; a true expression of grassroots winemaking that places the energy and liveliness of adventure in every bottle.

PRODUCER: Marisco Vineyards

REGION: Marlborough, New Zealand

GRAPE(S): 100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL: 14%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.4 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.4 G/L

pH: 3.7