

OLD COACH ROAD

BY THE SEIFRIED FAMILY

SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWERS

NELSON PINOT NOIR 2021



AWARDS

88 Points (4 stars) - Wine Orbit, August 2022, New Zealand

WINE ANALYSIS

Vineyard: Seifried Brightwater and Rabbit Island Vineyards

Sugar at Harvest: 23.1°Brix

Date of Harvest: Mid - Late March 2021

pH of Wine: 3.43

T.A of Wine: 6.4g/L

Suitable for Vegans and Vegetarians

THE VINEYARD

Our Brightwater Vineyard is situated 15 km from the coast and is sheltered from the south by the Richmond ranges. The 'soil' is a combination of rocks and boulders which is very hard on the farm equipment but vital for holding the warmth of Nelson's sun.

Our Rabbit Island vineyards are situated on a wide river flat. The soil is made up of gravelly sandy loam, which marks the sites of Maori kumara beds (sweet potato) prior to European settlement in the early 1800's. The Maori transferred and spread fine gravel and sand over the land to provide suitable soils for their kumara plantings. Scrub was burned to give ash and charcoal which increased soil fertility and gave characteristic topsoil. This fertility is now considerably reduced due to modern farming. The soils are however, very sandy and free draining, and the water table is relatively high ensuring adequate underground water.

WINEMAKERS NOTE

2021 was another excellent year in Nelson on the back of a run of several outstanding vintages. We enjoyed a great growing season albeit a very light vintage due to frost and Boxing Day hail.

The fruit in our 2021 Old Coach Road Nelson Pinot Noir comes from both our Rabbit Island and Brightwater vineyards where our Pinot Noir vines well are over thirty years in age and are showing great maturity and depth of flavour.

Parcels of fruit were picked incrementally in March 2021 at the peak of flavour and phenolic ripeness. The de-stemmed fruit had a brief cold maceration period before individual parcels were inoculated for fermentation. Throughout fermentation plunging occurred twice daily and was tapered off to once daily as the fermentation finished. The young wine was drained to new, one and two year old French barriques for malolactic fermentation and barrel ageing. The wine was stabilised and bottled July 2022.

TASTING NOTE

The 2021 Old Coach Road Nelson Pinot Noir really over delivers with fruit intensity and generosity. The nose has boysenberry, cocoa and dried sage notes while the palate has warm deep plum and spicy oak flavours. Enjoy.

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