

OLD COACH ROAD

BY THE SEIFRIED FAMILY

SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWERS

NELSON PINOT NOIR 2020

AWARDS

Silver - 94 Points, New World Wine Awards 2021, New Zealand
90 Points - "The Shout", July 2021, Cameron Douglas MS
89 Points - Bob Campbell MW, © The Real Review, therealreview.com

WINE ANALYSIS

Vineyard: Seifried Brightwater and Rabbit Island Vineyards
Sugar at Harvest: 23.7°Brix
Date of Harvest: Mid - Late March 2020
pH of Wine: 3.57
T.A of Wine: 5.2g/L
Suitable for Vegans and Vegetarians

"In this New Zealand's best value pinot noir? Light, fresh and fruity red with black cherry, strawberry and plum flavours together with a seasoning of spices. A charming, easy-drinking, price-friendly red."

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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

2020 was another excellent year in Nelson on the back of the outstanding 2019 vintage. We enjoyed a great growing season with the challenge coming when Covid lockdown co-incided with our harvest period. Thankfully we were deemed an "essential business" and could continue with our harvest under very strict Covid health and safety measures.

The fruit in our 2020 Old Coach Road Nelson Pinot Noir comes from both our Rabbit Island and Brightwater vineyards where our Pinot Noir vines are over thirty years in age and are showing great maturity and depth of flavour.

Parcels of fruit were picked incrementally in March 2020 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 May 2020.

TASTING NOTE

The 2020 Old Coach Road Pinot Noir overdelivers again with gorgeous varietal flavours and punch. The nose has cranberry, currants and savoury earthy notes. The palate has rich berryfruits and supple velvety tannins running through the palate, leaving a warm lingering finish on the wine.



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