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TE KAIRANGA

Pinot Noir Rosé 2021

“Te Kai-ranga”

Established in 1984, Te Kairanga is an important part of the Martinborough wine story. Our home vineyards are planted on land that was originally owned by founding father of Martinborough, John Martin. While our land is steeped in history, our winemaking is very much focused on the future; “to fully realise the potential of this incredible piece of land,” according to our Chief Winemaker John Kavanagh. Pinot Noir is at the beating heart of Te Kairanga. Small parcels of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Riesling showcase the abundance of our region.

OUR VINEYARDS

Our home, Martinborough, is roughly 90 minutes from Wellington and accounts for less than 2% of New Zealand’s total wine production. Protected from the harsh elements by a range of mountains to the southwest and west, it has a mild, breezy, dry climate, ideal for cool-climate grape growing. With four vineyard sites in the Martinborough appellation, our winemaking team have a wide array of aromatics, flavours, textures and styles to work with. The Martinborough Terrace, considered one of the premier growing areas, is home to our Home and McLeod Vineyards. Once a riverbed, it features deep ancient gravel and alluvial soils. At slightly higher elevations with more extreme conditions are our Spring Rock and Rua vineyards. All of our properties are sustainably farmed.

OUR WINEMAKING

Under the direction of Chief Winemaker, John Kavanagh, our winemaking philosophy places a premium on the character of each vineyard. Our 2021 Pinot Noir Rosé is made from Abel clone fruit from our Rua and Spring Rock Vineyards, gently pressed on arrival and cool fermented in stainless steel to maintain its fresh flavour. Pressing was very gentle to avoid the pickup of too much colour from the skins. A smaller portion was fermented in old French oak puncheons to add extra texture and complexity to the wine. The wine was aged on light lees then blended and bottled.

VINTAGE 2021

A smaller harvest with intense, ripe fruit, full of flavour. A mild winter meant budburst was the earliest ever in Martinborough. A wet start to Summer resulted in tiny berries especially in our Pinot Noirs. The earliest harvest undertaken at Te Kairanga began in early March with fine and settled conditions throughout our final pick in early April.

TASTING NOTE

With an elegant coral hue this rosé promises bright aromas of strawberry, red cherry, and watermelon. Dry in style our 100% Pinot Noir Rosé has a beautiful fresh palate and a mouth-watering finish. Best paired with grilled Mediterranean vegetables. Suitable for Vegans.

CLONES	Abel
REGION	Martinborough, New Zealand
ALCOHOL	12.5%
AGING	3 months in French oak
TA	6.30 g/L
PH	3.20
RS	3.32 g/L

