Seresin

Made from organically and biodynamically farmed grapes, the Leah Pinot Noir is known for its complexity and finesse, reflecting Seresin Estate's commitment to producing wines of purity and elegance.

Leah Pinot Noir 2023

Marlborough, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

The **Seresin Leah Pinot Noir** is sourced from the **Raupo Creek Vineyard**, located in the **Omaka Valley** in Marlborough. This vineyard, farmed following **organic** and **biodynamic** principles, is known for its clay-rich soils, which contribute to the wine's texture and depth. The vineyard's **north-west facing slopes** enjoy high sunshine hours and minimal rainfall, providing optimal ripening conditions for Pinot Noir.

This vintage was challenging, with significant rainfall before harvest, which increased berry size and disease pressure. However, Seresin's experienced team worked diligently in the vineyard to mitigate these challenges, ensuring that the Pinot Noir grapes were harvested at the right time to preserve their quality and freshness.

Winemaking

The **Seresin Leah Pinot Noir** was made from a blend of Seresin's favorite Pinot Noir clones, including **10/5**, **777**, **5**, **Abel**, and **6**, all grown on the **Osip Hill** of the Raupo Creek Vineyard. The fruit was hand-picked, destemmed, and fermented in small batches using a combination of **wild and selected yeasts**.

Fermentation lasted between **3 and 4 weeks**, with gentle plunging to ensure a delicate extraction of color and tannins. The wine was then left on skins before being drained, lightly pressed, and transferred to **aged French oak barrels** for **10 months**, with **15% new oak**. The wine underwent **natural malolactic fermentation** during its maturation, adding richness and texture. After 10 months, the wine was lightly filtered and bottled, unfined.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright ruby red.
- **Aroma**: Aromas of **dark berries**, **black cherry**, and hints of **earthy spice** and **forest floor**, complemented by subtle floral and herbal notes.
- **Palate**: On the palate, the wine is fleshy yet structured, with flavors of **dense dark fruit**, including **blackberry** and **plum**, integrated with spicy and earthy undertones. The wine has a supple texture and is balanced by a fine, focused acidity.
- **Finish**: Long and elegant, with lingering notes of dark fruit and a refreshing minerality.

Did You Know?

The **Leah Pinot Noir** is named after **Michael Seresin's daughter**, and the wine reflects the estate's focus on crafting wines that are true to their origins. The **biodynamic farming** practices at Seresin Estate not only promote sustainability but also enhance the health of the vines, leading to wines with greater complexity and expressiveness.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roasted duck with cherry sauce**: The wine's dark fruit flavors and subtle spice complement the richness of the duck and the sweetness of the cherry sauce.
- **Wild mushroom risotto**: The earthy notes in the wine harmonize beautifully with the umami flavors of mushrooms.
- **Herb-crusted lamb**: The wine's supple tannins and vibrant acidity pair well with the savory herbs and tender lamb.
- **Grilled salmon with a balsamic glaze**: The wine's bright acidity and rich fruit flavors balance the richness of grilled salmon, while the balsamic glaze enhances the wine's earthy complexity.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2022)

This 2022 Leah Pinot Noir is incredibly vibrant on the nose, showing oak and abundant red fruits. In the mouth, the wine is fresh and supple with loads of flavor. It doesn't span into any savory/earthy characters yet, but they may come in time. Lovely wine here. Excellent. 13% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.