



Seresin

Crafted from the finest Pinot Noir clones on the estate, this wine exudes finesse and power, offering a structured yet elegant palate that reflects meticulous vineyard management and artisanal winemaking.



Rachel Pinot Noir 2016

Marlborough, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

Marlborough is New Zealand's most celebrated wine region, known for its **high sunshine hours, cool nights, and maritime influence**, which provide an ideal setting for growing expressive and structured Pinot Noir. Located in the **Omaka Valley**, the **Raupo Creek vineyard** benefits from a **gentle north-west exposure**, ensuring optimal ripening conditions.

This vineyard is **biodynamically farmed**, with clay-rich soils that contribute to **concentration and depth** in the wine. Despite a **challenging early season** marked by wet conditions, an **even flowering and dry harvest period** resulted in **smaller berries and naturally low yields**, enhancing flavor intensity. The meticulous work of the vineyard team ensured the fruit's purity and balance, capturing the **terroir's energy and vibrancy**.

Winemaking

Seresin Rachel Pinot Noir is crafted from a **blend of select Pinot Noir clones (10/5, Abel, 777, 115, and 6)**, each adding layers of complexity. The grapes were **hand-picked, destemmed, and fermented using wild yeast in small batches** to express the vineyard's character fully.

The wine underwent **3-4 weeks of skin contact**, with gentle plunging during fermentation to extract delicate tannins. It was then **lightly pressed and transferred to French oak barrels (35% new) for 10 months of aging**, undergoing **natural malolactic fermentation**. Bottling was carried out with **minimal filtration and no fining**, preserving the wine's purity and texture.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with garnet reflections.
- **Aroma:** An alluring bouquet of dark cherry and ripe plum, interwoven with earthy, forest floor nuances and hints of baking spice.
- **Palate:** Silky yet structured, featuring luscious red and black fruit, balanced acidity, and fine-grained tannins. Subtle oak influence adds layers of smoky spice and cocoa, leading to a long, elegant finish.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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Did you know?

Seresin Estate is a **pioneer of biodynamic and organic viticulture in New Zealand**, emphasizing **handcrafted, minimal-intervention winemaking**. The estate was founded by **Michael Seresin**, a renowned cinematographer whose work includes *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. This commitment to both art and nature is reflected in the wines, which are **deeply expressive of their terroir and crafted with meticulous care**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Coq au vin** – The wine's silky tannins and red fruit notes beautifully enhance the slow-braised flavors of this classic French dish.
- **Duck breast with cherry sauce** – The wine's natural acidity and dark fruit tones complement the richness of the duck and the tartness of the sauce.
- **Mushroom and truffle risotto** – The wine's earthy undertones harmonize with the umami depth of mushrooms and truffles.
- **Roast lamb with rosemary and garlic** – The structure and fine tannins of the Pinot Noir balance the juicy flavors of roasted lamb.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 92 Points (2013)

Sanguine in color with touches of the same on the nose, this 2014 Pinot, from all three of Seresin's former vineyards, has aged with grace and poise. It leads with notes of wild strawberry, cherry, flower stalks and peppery, herbaceous characters, along with a slightly meaty tone. There's a delicious crunch on the palate, tangy, still-bright red fruit at its heels and fine tannins offering a helping hand. Drink up—this delicate creature is peaking now. The Sorting Table.



Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2013)

Pale to medium ruby colored, the 2013 Rachel Pinot Noir has an earthy nose of loam, moss-covered bark and garrigue with a core of raspberry leaves, red currants and wild thyme. The medium-bodied palate offers intense red berry and earth flavors with a solid backbone of grainy tannins and lively acid, finishing with great length. Rating: 91+



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