

Ata Rangi

Ata Rangi Crimson Pinot Noir offers an elegant and charming profile, with vibrant red fruit flavors and aromatic complexity. Its smooth texture and well-integrated tannins make it an alluring expression of youthful Martinborough Pinot Noir.

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Crimson Pinot Noir 2022

Martinborough, New Zealand



Region and Vineyards

Ata Rangi is located in **Martinborough**, a wine region renowned for producing some of New Zealand's finest **Pinot Noir**. This southernmost tip of the North Island enjoys a cool climate, with a long growing season that allows the grapes to develop intense flavor and aroma profiles. The **Martinborough Terrace** is famed for its free-draining alluvial soils, which contribute to the concentrated flavors and complexity of the wines.

The Ata Rangi vineyards benefit from an optimal combination of **cool breezes**, which help retain acidity in the grapes, and ample sunshine, which ensures full ripeness. The **Crimson Pinot Noir** is crafted from a selection of younger vines, ranging from **5 to 25 years old**, adding vibrancy and a dynamic fruit character to the wine, while the older vines contribute a more profound, savory complexity.

Winemaking

This vintage of Crimson Pinot Noir reflects a blend of traditional and modern winemaking techniques. The grapes were **hand-harvested**, with **90%** of the fruit being de-stemmed and **10%** undergoing whole bunch fermentation, lending the wine a fine, structured texture. Fermentation was initiated using **indigenous yeasts**, ensuring a natural expression of the vineyard's terroir. The wine was then aged for **12 months in French oak barrels**, contributing subtle oak nuances and depth.

The meticulous winemaking process allows the fruit purity to shine through, while maintaining elegance and balance, ensuring the wine remains approachable yet complex.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: **Mid ruby** with an almost transparent hue, reflecting its youthful vibrancy.
- **Aroma**: A bright and enticing bouquet of **rosehip** and **pomegranate**, layered with spice notes of **cardamom** and **ginger**. Hints of **manuka smoke** and **prosciutto** provide a savory complexity.
- **Palate**: On the palate, the wine opens with fresh flavors of **raspberry compote** , **rhubarb**, and **orange zest**. The smooth, supple entry is supported by **fine tannins**, while the wine's lively acidity ensures a long, refreshing finish.

Did you know?

The **Ata Rangi Crimson Pinot Noir** was named in support of **Project Crimson**, a charitable initiative aimed at replanting and preserving New Zealand's native **pōhutukawa** and **rātā** trees. Founder Clive Paton has personally planted more than **75,000 trees** as part of this effort, symbolizing the winery's deep connection to conservation and the land.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with cherry sauce**: The wine's red fruit flavors and fine tannins perfectly complement the rich, gamey flavors of duck.
- **Grilled salmon**: The fresh acidity and supple texture balance the fatty richness of salmon, enhancing the dish's flavors.
- **Mushroom risotto**: The savory notes of manuka smoke and prosciutto pair well with the earthy umami of mushroom-based dishes.
- **Roasted pork tenderloin with herbs**: The smooth tannins and subtle spice elements of the wine enhance the flavors of roasted pork, providing a harmonious pairing.

93 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2018)

There's so much to this wine. It is a pinot that really speaks of quality tannin, fresh and quite concentrated fruit flavors and a layered, succulent, fleshy and rich, dark-cherry finish. One of the best value wines on the planet, hands down! Drink now. Screw cap. (8/2019)

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Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2018)

The 2018 Crimson Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from vines up to about 20 years of age. Originally, it was a fruit-forward, young-vines cuvée, but this vintage is cut from sturdier cloth, showing some serious tannins on the finish. It's pretty and perfumed up front, with scents of roses and berry tea, adding raspberries and cherries on the medium-bodied, structured palate. Give it another year or two in the cellar, then drink it over the next 7-8 years.