

Seresin

LEAH PINOT NOIR - 2014

REGION: NEW ZEALAND



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Estate grown grapes from organic and biodynamic vineyards are handpicked and transformed into artisan wines through gentle, traditional winemaking – wine of passion, grace and spirit. Acknowledging Seresin's ongoing commitment to sound environmental practices as a winegrower, Seresin won the Marlborough District Council's 2009 Marlborough Environment Award.

GRAPES / SOILS

Pinot Noir	Over 20 years on average in 2015	Mixed alluvial silt,
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THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

The fruit comes mostly from our clay-rich hillside Raupo Creek vineyard in the Omaka Valley, with a small amount also from the alluvial shingles of our Tatou vineyard and the Noa vineyard, which is made up of Waimakariri type soils of alluvial origin.

Harvest Notes

- Minimal frosts during the spring and perfect flowering conditions resulted in a good crop and even berry set. A warm early summer initially, but temperatures cooled after solstice to give a long ripening period, with stable conditions until the end of the first week of April. Heavy rain followed, but the fruit remained in good condition.
- Fruit was hand-picked, destemmed and cooled. After pre-fermentation steeping, the juice was warmed and fermented with wild yeast, and the caps hand-plunged daily during fermentation. The wine was left on skins for 2 weeks of post-ferment maceration, then drained, lightly pressed and transferred to French oak barriques, of which 10% were new.
- The wine went through natural malolactic fermentation during 11 months maturation, before it was bottled unfiltered and unfined.

Winemaker's Notes

- A blend from all three of our vineyard sites, Leah is named after Michael Seresin's daughter.
- Exhibits bright, fragrant berry-fruit aromas, interlaced with spice and herbal notes.
- The wine is focused and concentrated, with a succulent fruit core, frame by fine-grained tannins and a mouth-watering acidity.
- An elegant and understated style with immediate appeal, but structure to last.

Technical Information

- Varieties: Pinot Noir
- Vineyard: 21% Noa, 10% Tatou, 69% Raupo
- Oak: 11 months, approx. 10% new
- Bottling Date: March 1, 2016
- Alcohol: 13.5%
- RS: 1.7 g/l
- pH: 3.76
- TA: 5.9 g/L

REVIEWS

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89+ Points - © Wine Advocate, December, 2016

Pale ruby-purple colored, the 2014 Leah Pinot Noir is a little mute with gentle herbal and earth notes plus suggestions of cranberries and spice box. The delicate, light to medium-bodied palate has good grippy tannins and oodles of freshness supporting the sour cherry and cranberry flavors, finishing with lingering dried herb notes.

GENERAL INFO

Country	New Zealand
Region	South Island
Appellation(s)	Marlborough
Proprietors	Michael Seresin
Founded	1996
Winemaker	Clive Dougall
Annual Production	60,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Biodynamic, Organic