

# Seresin

## 2012 RACHEL PINOT NOIR

REGION: NEW ZEALAND



### SERESIN

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, gravel and clay
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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 tiny 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

Fruit was hand-sorted and destemmed and cooled. After a pre-fermentation steeping period, 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 14% were new. The wine went through natural malolactic fermentation during 15 months maturation, before it was bottled unfiltered and unfined.

#### Winemaker's Notes

The nose exhibits aromas of black cherry, truffle and chocolate. The palate is Concentrated and full, with a dense core of rich fruit, alongside savoury spice and herbal notes, all underpinned by silky-fine and mouth coating tannins. Long on the finish, with a cleansing acidity, this is a poised, yet powerful wine.

## Technical Information

Clones: 115, 667, 777 & 10/5

Yield: 3 tonnes / hectare

Oak: 100% oak matured, 14% new

Bottling date: 17th January 2014

Alcohol: 13.5 %

RS: <1g

pH: 3.7

TA: 5.7g/l

Drink dates: Now until 2025

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## REVIEWS

### 2012 Rachel Pinot Noir

#### 91 Points - Vinous, May, 2016

(from low-yielding, organically farmed vines; vinified with wild yeasts; following 12 months of aging in 20% new French oak, the best barrels were selected for another six months of oak aging): Bright, dark red. High-pitched peppery perfume to the aromas of raspberry and spices. Concentrated and deep, conveying a restrained sweetness to the flavors of raspberry and saline minerality. This savory, very tactile wine finishes with suave but serious tannins and terrific length. Built to age. 2018-2025

#### 92 Points - Wine Enthusiast, July, 2016

This is a big, rich style of Pinot, with toast, vanilla and bacon marking the nose. While the palate delivers more black cherry fruit, it still remains savory overall. It's slightly chewy on the finish, so drink 2017-2025.

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## 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