

KUMEU RIVER

2019 Kumeu Village Pinot Noir



Vineyard Region

Rays Road, Raukawa, Hawkes Bay and Kumeu, Auckland

Winemaker

Michael Brajkovich, MW

Technical Information

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Vinification: 100% hand harvested
100% de-stemmed then crushed
Indigenous yeast fermentation
2 weeks total cuvaison
Twice daily remontage
7 months maturation in tank
Bottled: September 2019

Tasting Notes

In April 2017 we took possession of a vineyard at Rays Road in Hawkes Bay that was already planted with Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The vineyard soil is wind-blown clay loess over limestone, so we were particularly keen to see how these varieties performed.

2018 was our first vintage from Rays Road and we were excited by the potential we saw with the Pinot Noir. Now, from the excellent 2019 vintage, we have consolidated that quality expectation, and this year have blended the grapes from Rays Road with some outstanding richer Kumeu fruit with delicious results.

The wine displays a bright cherry red/burgundy color with lifted red fruit aromas. On the palate the wine is cool, round and fruity and with a nice hint of chalky tannin that keeps the wine dry and refreshing.

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