

## THE KING'S DESIRE PINOT NOIR ROSÉ 2020

### ORIGIN

Sourced from The Slopes and Leefield Station vineyards in the Southern Valleys of Marlborough.

### VARIETY

100% Pinot Noir.

### VINTAGE

The growing season and harvest of 2020 was a thoroughly “good news” story despite the challenges thrown at us by COVID-19.

Bud burst came early this season, but cool dry weather meant leaf development and canopy growth was drawn out. By November temperatures warmed up and rainfall levels returned to near normal. By December the above average warmth contributed to early and speedy flowering in early season varieties such as Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Between Christmas and March, the season bounced back strongly with a very consistent period of hot, dry weather; the driest Marlborough has seen in 88 years. Harvest began with fruit for our sparkling wine programme and moved swiftly through our Waihopai River Vineyard and finally onto cooler areas of Leefield Station. We believe the quality of the wine to come from our Waihopai and Southern Valleys vineyards will make 2020 memorable – delivering aromatic wines full of bright and exuberant freshness– a vintage to be remembered for more than just a pandemic.

### WINEMAKING

Pinot Noir was harvested by a combination of hand and machine when fruit was at its optimal ripeness. The hand harvested fruit was whole bunch pressed and racked into old oak barrels for fermentation. The machine harvested portion was pressed to stainless steel tanks to retain freshness and fruit purity. Regular lees stirring of the barrel portions helped to build opulence and mouthfeel. Our best rosé components were blended in winter before filtration and bottling.

### ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13.0%
pH	3.40
T.A	6.0g/L
Residual sugar	1.4g/L

### TASTING NOTE

Made with a nod to Provence, this lighter style rosé has aromas of candied pear and mango with underlying secondary notes of brioche and honeycomb. The focused palate delivers stone fruit flavours while a full-bodied mouthfeel lingers on the palate carrying a juicy acidity

### FOOD MATCHING

The Kings Desire 2020 is best enjoyed with summer fare, try it with chargrilled Mediterranean vegetables with kasundi and macadamia nuts.

### CELLARING POTENTIAL

3 Years.

