CRAGGY RANGE

2022 Aroha

TE MUNA VINEYARD, MARTINBOROUGH

Aroha is a word in the Maori language of New Zealand, meaning love. Reflective of its namesake, Aroha is handcrafted with passion from unique parcels of Pinot Noir, including one of the renowned Abel clone. The pedigree of particular blocks in our Te Muna vineyard is paramount to the quality of this wine. At over 20 years of age, the balance in our best blocks, identified by a narrow band of clay over stone, straddles that line between power and beauty. When crafting this wine, we look for the quality of tannin to be the ultimate driver, and with Aroha, the velvet line provides unmistakable length.

TASTING NOTE

In the glass, this 100% Pinot Noir is bright burgundy with a light crimson hue. Ample perfume. A complex bouquet of glazed cherries, lavender and thyme. A fine-boned structure, red fruit dominated-very focused and pretty. It's an elegant Aroha release that is already showing tremendous approachability.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

An unusually warm early summer and calm conditions in 2022 led to accelerated ripening and meticulous canopy management. Pinot Noir was picked ahead of late-season rain, resulting in concentrated fruit, vibrant acidity, and supple tannins. Fruit was 100% handpicked from Block 10 and 16 then hand-sorted into a combination of French oak cuves and open-top stainless steel tanks for fermentation. After 21 days of skin contact, with light pump-overs, the wine aged for 14 months in French oak barriques - 35% new.



2023	93 Points	James Suckling
2022	19+ Points 96 Points 95 Points	Matthew Jukes Jane Anson Colin Hay – Drinks Business
2021	98 Points 98 Points 95 Points	Bob Campbell MW Huon Hooke Erin Larkin – Wine Advocate
2020	19.5 Points 98 Points 97 Points	Matthew Jukes Bob Campbell MW James Suckling
2019	98 Points 98 Points	Bob Campbell MW Olly Styles – Decanter