

# C R A G G Y   R A N G E

## 2023 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

Bright burgundy in colour, with a soft crimson hue. The perfume is lifted and pure—a cool-season bouquet of dried cherry, lavender and hints of wild thyme. The palate shows a fine-boned structure, with red fruits taking a more restrained and precise form. It is a poised and elegant Aroha release, showing subtle depth and graceful approachability in its youth.

### WINEMAKING

An early, warm start to the 2023 season led to excellent flowering, though one significant frost reduced yields in some Pinot blocks. Above-average rainfall after Christmas required careful canopy management, but a long, even ripening period delivered Pinot Noir with vibrant colour, lifted perfume, and refined tannins. Fruit was 100% handpicked from Block 10 and 16 then hand-sorted into French oak cives. Both cuvées underwent 21 days of skin contact, with light pump-overs primarily used for cap management. After fermentation, the wine aged for 14 months in French oak barriques, of which 31% were new.

ALCOHOL 12.5 | PH 3.71 | ACIDITY 5.2 g/l



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 Hoon 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