



Rippon 'Rippon' Pinot Noir 2023

Vineyard: Rippon, the western board of Roy's Bay, Lake Wanaka. Rippon's north-facing escarpment forms the meeting point of terminal moraines and coarse gravels; all based in schist. Rippon, a wine issued from all of the fully developed Pinot Noir vines, is considered the farm voice of this distinct parcel of land.

Winemakers: Nick Mills & Team

Pinot Noir Clones: 5 & 6, 2/10, 10/5, 13, Linc, 667, 777, Abel (planted 2003)

Rootstock: None Vine Density: 3800-5700 vines/hectare

Dates picked: 29th March - 21st April 2023

Fruit Handling: Picked by hand into small, 10kg cases allowing the fruit to arrive at the winery's sorting table undamaged and intact. This wine represents many small parcels of different clones, vine ages and micro-sites within a single Vineyard: Rippon. They were picked and fermented separately in 2-tonne stainless-steel fermenters.

Fermentation: Each parcel is fermented and matured apart before blending. The winery's resident yeast population (non-inoculated) completed cuvaion in 13-19 days. The ferments reached maximum temperatures of 17-31° Celsius. 20% whole cluster.

Total time of skin contact: 13-19 days depending on parcel.

Barrel management: 9 months of new (21%) to 4 year old French oak barrels. The malolactic fermentation went through unaided (non-inoculated) in springtime; it was then racked back into barrel and allowed a second winter in barrel before being run directly into bottle without filtering or fining.

Total Time in Barrel: 18 months

Bottling date: 6th November 2024

Wine analysis at bottling:

pH	3.56
T.A	7.8 g/l
Alc.	14 %
R.S	< 3 g/l

Cases produced: 1,242

Release Date: 1st January 2026

Cellaring potential: 10 years +, cellaring & decanting recommended