



Four generations of our family have lived in the community. Having moved from Southland when Rob was a young lad the Grey family brought our property to run as a dairy farm producing milk for town supply. Rob stayed in the dairy industry until 1996 then began to convert the farm to vineyards growing premium quality grapes for numerous prestigious New Zealand wine brands including Kim Crawford and Craggy Range. In 2011, Rob's daughter Kylie and her husband Ryan O'Connell moved back to Brightwater and together with Rob launched Middle-earth wines.

WINERY: WINE LORD

WINE NAME: PLUS SIX FOUR SPARKLING ROSE

VINTAGE: 2020

GRAPE: PINOT MEUNIER 100%

ALC VOL: 12.5%

REGION: NELSON

SUB REGION: BRITEWATER

VINEYARD: MIDDLE EARTH VINEYARDS

SOIL TYPE: SILTY-LOAM, ALLUVIAL GRAVEL

VINE AGE: 15 YRS

TRELLIS: VSP

ALTITUDE: 150 FEET

ASPECT: NS

FERMENTATION: NATURAL YEAST

FINISHING: CROSS-FLOW FILTRATION, VEGAN



Located at the top of the South Island of New Zealand in the sub-region of Brightwater, Nelson our vineyards really are in the center of the land synonymous with the Middle-earth created by J.R.R. Tolkien. Accredited 100% sustainable with a producing area that totals more than 50 hectares across various blocks and lies in the confluence of two rivers, bordered by a scenic reserve on one side. An ideal location for premium grape growing with ancient alluvial soils that are stony and free draining with layered river silts. Expert vineyard management is aided with modern systems like computer-controlled drip-fed water supply if required along with natural practices of grazing sheep for grass and weed control makes us perfectly set up to provide premium quality, clean fruit to the winery. High sunshine hours and the cool, clear skies of autumn provide a slow ripening period that helps to retain the vibrant varietal flavors that make our wines so distinctive.

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