

# SERESIN

**M**ichael Seresin was born in Wellington, New Zealand, but left in the 1960s, when sheep, not grapevines, covered the Wairau Plains. He settled in Italy, where he was captivated by Italian food and wine culture, and began his career as a cinematographer. Over time Michael's interest in wine developed into a passion. In the early 1990s after investigating opportunities to start a winery in Italy, he became aware of the quality wines starting to emerge from his homeland. After visiting Marlborough, and falling in love with the Marlborough Sounds, Michael decided to purchase a home there, followed by the purchase of some land in the Wairau Valley, which became Seresin's Home Vineyard. Planting of vines began immediately, followed by the importation and planting of olive varieties. Growing olives has been an integral part of Seresin Estate since 1999. The three properties are planted with 5,000 olive trees - all imported Tuscan varieties chosen for their fresh, peppery and intense flavour.

Seresin's first vintage was in 1996 and the winery was completed in mid 2000. A year later, the Tatou Vineyard was purchased and land in the Omaka valley was purchased for development into what is now their Raupo Creek Vineyard.

It is Seresin's mission to use estate grown grapes from organic and biodynamic vineyards which are handpicked and transformed into artisan wines through gentle, traditional winemaking - wine of passion, grace and spirit.

## VINEYARDS

### Home Vineyard

Located in the central pocket of the Wairau Valley, the certified organic 45 hectare vineyard is made up of free-draining Waimakariri soils. The land is planted with Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, and Riesling. Olive groves, orchards, and vegetable gardens are an important part of the vineyard and add to the diversity of the Estate.

### Raupo Creek Vineyard:

The Raupo Creek vineyard is located at the foothills of the Omaka Valley. The clay rich soils of the 51 hectare vineyard are ideal for growing Pinot Noir. The land is also planted with Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Viognier. An additional 25 hectares are planted with olive groves and vegetable patches and used for farmland and pasture. The entire property is managed organically and in transition towards certification.

### Tatou Vineyard

The Tatou vineyard is surrounded with olive trees and planted in Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. The 15 hectare property is certified organic and located slightly west of the Home Vineyard in the Wairau Valley. The fruit from Tatou's alluvial shingle soils produces very concentrated aromatic wines with structured tannins.

### Winemaker

Tamra Kelly Washington has come full circle in recent years. Tamra grew up in Marlborough and earned a degree in Viticulture and Oenology from Lincoln University. Her first position was in the lab at Seresin Estate. She spent many years overseas, first in California, Hunter Valley and Margaret River, then Sicily. She was appointed Head Winemaker in Sicily, additionally overseeing operations in Puglia and Tunisia. Returning to the South Island, Tamra led winemaking operations for 10 years at Yealands Estate. Tamra has not only gone back to her roots, but also back to where it all started at Seresin, rejoining for the 2018 harvest to guide the winery into the future.



**W**INES

### MOMO

Sauvignon Blanc  
Pinot Noir

### SERESIN ESTATE

Sauvignon Blanc  
Leah Pinot Noir  
Rachel Pinot Noir  
Raupo Creek Pinot Noir  
Sun and Moon Pinot Noir