



# PINOT NOIR NZ 2025

## Terms and Conditions for Participants

### 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Bunch** means the Pinot Noir NZ 2025 Committee.
- 1.2 Event** means the Pinot Noir NZ 2025 event.
- 1.3 Event Organiser** means any person or body appointed by the Bunch for the purposes of organising this Event and includes NZW.
- 1.4 NZW** means New Zealand Winegrowers Incorporated.
- 1.5 Participating Wine** is a wine submitted for the purpose of either selection or participation in the Event by a Participating Winery.
- 1.6 Participating Winery** means a winery that applies to be included in the Event includes an individual winemaker, and in the case of a company includes the officers of that company and the winemaker/s employed by that company for the purposes of this Event.
- 1.7 Rules** means the Pinot Noir NZ 2025 Terms and Conditions for Participants.

### 2. ENTRY PROCEDURES AND FEES

2.1 The Event registration fee for each Participating Winery is to be paid in instalments as follows:

The registration fees for wineries are:

**Category One Winery:** NZD \$3,950 + GST (Annual sales not exceeding 200,000 litres)

**Category Two Winery:** NZD \$7,950 + GST (Annual sales between 200,000 and 4,000,000 litres)

**Category Three Winery:** NZD \$8,950 + GST (Annual sales exceeding 4,000,000 litres)

Each winery receives one delegate ticket as part of their registration

The registration is to be paid in instalments as follows:

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| 1. Deposit           | 25% of total due   | on registration |
| 2. Interim Payment 2 | 10% of total due   | 20 January 2024 |
| 3. Interim Payment 3 | 12.5% of total due | 20 April 2024   |
| 4. Interim Payment 4 | 12.5% of total due | 20 July 2024    |
| 5. Final payment     | 40% balance due    | 20 October 2024 |

2.2 To register a second brand and/or a second region please see pricing table below. Pricing is exclusive of GST. Note that the second fee does not include a delegate ticket. Additional delegate tickets for a Participating Winery can be purchased for \$1500 + GST per person. Please complete a separate registration form if you wish to register a second brand and/or region. Additional brands and and/or regions are subject to availability. Fees for additional brands and/or regions will be paid in instalments which will be detailed in a separate letter.

	<b>Category One</b>	<b>Category Two</b>	<b>Category Three</b>
<b>Registration Fee</b>	NZD 3,950	NZD 7,950	NZD 8,950
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Brand fee</b>	NZD 3,950	NZD 7,950	NZD 8,950
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Region fee</b>	NZD 1,975	NZD 3,975	NZD 4,475

2.3 Participation is limited to 120 Participating Wineries. If more than 120 applications are received for registration, the Bunch will, in its sole discretion, decide on the inclusion of additional Participating Wineries. If your application is unsuccessful, your deposit will be refunded. If your application is accepted, the deposit is non-refundable. Please also note that two or more Participating Wineries or wine brands cannot share a registration; each Participating Winery or wine brand needs to be registered separately.

2.4 Fee payments must be made to NZW, bank account 02-0152-0081428-25. Please use your winery name as the reference.

2.5 Winery Participants will be registered on an criteria, with preference being given to those who have participated in a previous Pinot Noir NZ Event have their own vineyard and make their own wine and whose applications are received before the due date. Wineries will not be required to submit wines for tasting as part of their application.

2.6 If a winery is selected for participation in the Event, any cancellation received in writing and prior to 31 July 2024 will be fully refundable less the non-refundable deposit. Cancellations after 31 July 2024 are non-refundable.

2.7 If not selected for participation in the Event, the winery will be notified 31 July 2024. The winery will be notified by email or phone and any deposit paid will be returned.

2.8 If a Participating Winery fails to pay its registration fee (including where the Participating Winery has been accepted and subsequently cancelled its participation) within 90 days of the due date, the Event Organiser may:

- a. report the Participating Winery's non-payment to the Bunch; and
- b. restrict that Participating Winery from participating in the Event until payment is received in full; or
- c. if the Participating Winery has since cancelled its participation, restrict that Participating Winery from participating in future NZW events.

2.9 Debts outstanding after 120 days will be transferred to a debt collection company for recovery. The cost of collection may be recovered from the Participating Winery.

2.10 The Event Organiser reserves the right to cancel the Event if it, in its sole discretion, deems it necessary. The Event Organiser will not be liable for any costs or other liabilities incurred by Participating Wineries relating to the cancelled event (e.g. travel, accommodation).

2.11 The Bunch will appoint a tasting panel for the purpose of selecting wines to participate in the Culinary and Social Programme for the Event. The tasting panel and the Bunch will select wines for participation in the Culinary and Social Programme at their absolute discretion. The decision of the tasting panel and the Bunch is final and neither the Bunch nor the tasting panel is obliged to furnish reasons for its selection.

### **3. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

3.1 Participating Wines must be made from grapes grown in New Zealand and wholly made, processed and matured in New Zealand by grape winemakers who are fully paid up members of NZW.

3.2 All Participating Wines must comply with all applicable legislative requirements relating to the composition and labelling of wine, including the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, the Food Act 2014, the Food (Safety) Regulations 2002, the Wine Act 2003, Wine Regulations 2021 and the Fair Trading Act 1986.

3.3 Complete winemaking records as required by your Wine Standards Management Plan must have been maintained for each Participating Wine.

3.4 All Participating Wines must be taken from, and representative of, an homogeneous quantity of wine, except when showing barrel samples specifically permitted by the Bunch or Event Organiser.

3.5 Entries are restricted to commercially bottled wines. Tank or barrel samples are not permitted unless specifically permitted by the Bunch or Event Organiser.

3.6 All participating wineries need to be signed up and certified under:

- a. Sustainable Winegrowing NZ (SWNZ);
- b. BioGro-NZ;
- c. AsureQuality;
- d. Demeter;
- e. ISO14001; or

or any other sustainability scheme recognised by NZW or the Bunch on a case-by-case basis at the time of registration. Please visit [www.nzwine.com](http://www.nzwine.com) and search 'Pinot Noir 2025' to register your wines and to view 'NZW's full wine registration policy.

3.7 For wineries that register from 1 August 2019 onwards, it is a minimum requirement that 2020 vintage wines will be registered. We understand that choosing older wines may mean that they are not registered. Exceptions will be made for this on a case by case basis by the Bunch.

3.8 Each Participating Winery must submit four bottles of their Participating Wine to the Event Organiser in advance of the Event (at a date to be determined by the Event Organiser) for sponsorship related activities.

3.9 In addition to the allocation described at clause 3.8, a minimum of three dozen 750ml bottles or equivalent of each Participating Wine must be retained by the Participating Winery and provided to the Event Organisers for use in Event activities upon request.

#### **4. PUBLICITY**

- 4.1 Any advertising, promotion or publicity relating or referring to participation in this Event must not be false, misleading or deceptive, or likely to cause damage to the reputation of the Event, the Bunch, the Event Organiser or the New Zealand wine industry.
- 4.2 In any advertising, promotion or publicity relating or referring to participation in this Event, a Participating Winery may refer only to the Participating Wine and not (whether expressly or by implication) to any other wines without consent.
- 4.3 Only officially approved Pinot Noir NZ 2025 promotional material may be affixed or attached to a bottle (e.g. label, sticker, neck-tag) to refer to a wine's participation in the Event.
- 4.4 Any Participating Winery found to be in breach of these Rules may be excluded from participation in the Event and any fee paid forfeited.
- 4.5 The Event may be filmed by the Event Organiser or a third party authorised by the Event Organiser to do so and the footage used for promotional purposes by the Event Organiser or that third party. Participation in the Event is deemed consent by a Participating Winery to such.

#### **5. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPATING WINERIES**

- 5.1 The Event is a highly prestigious event and Participating Wineries are expected to display a correspondingly high level of conduct during the Event. While tasting or consuming wine is an integral part of the Event, such consumption must at all times be moderate and responsible.
- 5.2 Participating Wineries must ensure that any service of wine (in the form of tastings or otherwise) undertaken by them is responsible and, in particular, that they seek to prevent intoxication and refuse service to minors or those who appear to be intoxicated.
- 5.3 Participating Wineries must comply with the licensing arrangements at Event venues.
- 5.4 Participating Wineries must comply with the directions and requests of the Bunch and the Event Organiser. Without limitation, such directions and requests may apply to the logistical and structural set-up of the Event, the conduct of the Participating Winery and the Event programme.
- 5.5 The Bunch reserves the right to exclude from the Event any Participating Winery who, in the reasonable opinion of the Bunch or Event Organiser or their representatives:
  - a. appears to be intoxicated or in any way creating a disruption to the Event; or
  - b. has caused, or is likely to cause, any damage to the reputation of the Event, the Bunch, the Event Organiser or the New Zealand wine industry.

#### **6. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES**

- 6.1 All Participating Wines may be subject to verification of compliance with the Rules by persons nominated by the Bunch or the Event Organiser. Refusal to permit such verification may result in exclusion from the Event and any fee paid forfeited.

- 6.2 Any Participating Winery found to be in breach of these Rules, or any Participating Winery who is found to have engaged in actions that may bring the industry into disrepute or compromise the integrity of the Event, the Event Organiser or the Bunch, as reasonably determined by the Event Organiser or the Bunch, may be excluded from participation in the Event and any entry fee paid forfeited.
- 6.3 The Bunch and the Event Organiser have absolute discretion to impose conditions in respect of any such penalty as it determines necessary.

## **7. DISPUTES**

- 7.1 The decision of the Bunch or the Event Organiser in the matter of any dispute or doubt arising from the interpretation of these Rules or in relation to the Event is final.

## **8. INSURANCE**

- 8.1 The Participating Winery is solely responsible for arranging public liability insurance in respect of any loss or damage relating to participation in the Event. For the avoidance of doubt, the Event Organiser or the Bunch will not be liable for any loss or damage caused or incurred in relation to the Event.
- 8.2 Participating Wineries should make themselves aware of what they are responsible for in terms of stock insurance.
- 8.3 Participating Wineries should also be aware that both freight companies and organisers may have 'limits of liability' clauses on individual bottles which means they will only pay a percentage of the value of a bottle. An 'all risks' policy to cover end to end is therefore recommended.