

# VINO FINO

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## SPY VALLEY ECHELON MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE VINTAGE BRUT 2021



\$36.99

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| Product Code: | 8430                   |
| Country:      | New Zealand            |
| Region:       | Marlborough            |
| Sub Region:   | Southern Valleys       |
| Style:        | Sparkling              |
| Variety:      | Méthode Traditionnelle |

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| Closure: | Cork                           |
| Unit:    | Each                           |
| Volume:  | 750ml                          |
| Alcohol: | 12.0%                          |
| Grape:   | 51% Pinot Noir, 49% Chardonnay |



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### TASTING NOTES

#### Winery notes (2021 Vintage)

"Apples and poached pear, with sweet doughy notes and toasted almonds. Fresh bread, plenty of quince and some ripe citrus acidity down the palate. Mouth filling with a creamy texture.

Following hand-picking of our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay the fruit is chilled overnight the free run juice was fermented and aged in both stainless steel and older oak barrels for 4 months. After blending, secondary fermentation occurred in the bottle followed by lees contact for 36 months before final disgorge.

Harvest 2021 was one out of the box – a winemaker's dream. Impeccable weather throughout the ripening period led to beautiful disease-free fruit and, combined with warm days and cool nights the resulting flavours and acidity are well balanced. Cooler weather during flowering and a couple of visits from "Jack Frost" led to smaller bunches and lighter crops."

Reviews for the 2020 vintage below...

#### Joelle Thomson, drinksbiz Magazine, December 2023/January 2024 (2020 Vintage)

"The evocatively named 'Echelon' is a labour of love that shines the spotlight on the freshness and creamy aromas of Chardonnay, a portion of which was fermented in older oak barrels to dial up the flavour, which is balanced by 48% Pinot Noir.

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A wine with aromas of freshly baked bread, toasty nuances and delicious depth."

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**Rated Excellent & 93/100 Cameron Douglas MS, October 2023** (2020 Vintage)

"This is a delicious wine with a bouquet and palate of fresh citrus and white fleshed fruits wrapped in a fine autolysis and plush mousse. Acidity and mousse complement each other carrying flavours of stone and citrus fruits finishing in a leesy autolytic high note. The lees layers suggest a brioche quality. Well made, youthful and ready to drink from 2023 through 2029."

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**4 ½ Stars Michael Cooper, December 2022** (2020 Vintage)

"The 2020 vintage is a blend of Pinot Noir (52 per cent) and Chardonnay (48 per cent), estate-grown in the Waihopai Valley. After fermentation and aging for four months in tanks and old oak casks, the base wine was then bottled and matured on its yeast lees for two years. Tasted shortly after it was disgorged in late 2022, it is a pale lemon/lime, very vigorous wine, with penetrating, citrusy flavours and a crisp, unusually dry (3.6 grams/litre of residual sugar) finish."

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## CONTACT VINO FINO

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## OPEN HOURS

10am to 6pm - Monday to Friday  
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*Closed Public Holidays*

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