

# Pyren Vineyard 2021 Little Ra Ra Roopa

**Winemaker:** Leighton Joy

**Grape:** Sauvignon Blanc

**GI:** Pyrenees

**Site:** Estate vineyard

**Vintage notes:** An early frost event in late 2020 would prove no obstacle for a very good 2021 harvest. Even and well-spaced harvest periods between varieties made for a less strenuous time in the winery, despite reasonable yields. Significant rainfall through the growing season worked to favor, rather than impeding fruit development.

**Vineyard notes:** Pyren's estate vineyard is farmed organically (uncertified); its sedimentary soils rich with quartz formations. Red/brown clay loam feature across the property, with the most elevated vines growing in shallow soils over sandstone and schist formations. Alluvial clay silt is evident at lower elevation, albeit with consistent quartz stone laced throughout. Pyren is planted exclusively in an E/W orientation, providing invaluable shade to both fruit and earth in the warmest part of the day.

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked and fermented with native yeast. Composed of individual whole bunch ferments of 13 and 18 days duration. Settled in tank before resting in 400L French oak for a total of 7 months. Bottled without fining or filtration.

**Closure:** Stelvin **ABV:** 11.5%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** A skin-contact white wine with clarity, precision at total drinkability. Aromatics of white grapefruit, tarragon, and nectarine. The palate is textural and bright, with native citrus fruits of pithy desert lime and spongy lemon aspen.

**Label design:** Designed by Tomoro Takizawa, a close friend of Pyren Vineyard from the time Leighton lived in Tokyo in the early 2000s. "Roopa" is another good friend of Pyren, who lends his name to their skinsy sauvignon blanc. Most of the Little Ra Ra wines take a color as their namesake, however this is one exception due to a labeling ban on the word 'Orange', stemming from a conflict between the color orange and Regional GI of Orange.

**Production size:** 388 dozen



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