



**AKARUA**  
CENTRAL OTAGO



## 25 Steps Rosé 2020 Pisa, Central Otago

### VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

### REGION

**Region:** Central Otago

**Sub Region:** Pisa

### SINGLE VINEYARD

#### 25 Steps

**Terraces:** 25 terraces, 800m long steps, 2 rows/step, 120m elevation change

**Clones:** 6, mid-slope

**Aspect:** highly undulating

**Elevation:** 200-317m

**Soil:** Sandy, stony loam topsoil, sub soil mix of deep schist gravels and clay loams

**Vine age:** 19 years old

**Trellis System & Pruning:**

VSP, spur

### VINTAGE NOTES

**Growing conditions:** Higher winds and cooler temperatures through Oct to early January affected flowering and fruit set, leading to variation in ripening across the estate and lower natural yields. Summer arrived briefly in February and helped lift the seasons growing degree days (GDD) and earlier disease concerns were alleviated by the third driest March seen since 1985 (only 6mm fell). Our fruit arrived to the winery from March the 12<sup>th</sup> until April the 28<sup>th</sup> in excellent condition. Some similarities to the growing season of 2017 have been noted, spurring discussion amongst the team of another year of exceptional, award-winning wines!

**Grower Degree Days:** 952

**Rainfall:** 289 ml Oct-April

### VINIFICATION

**Pre-ferment maceration:** saignée after 6 hours

**Fermentation vessel:**

100% neutral puncheon

**Yeast:** 100% wild

**Oak treatment:** 5 months in neutral puncheons

### TASTING NOTE

Quince, pomegranate, white peach and Thai basil, with an earthy note of rooibos tea. Textural and voluminous on the palate with cherry blossom, roasted hazelnuts and cranberries. Fine acidity and finish laced with a delicate thread of vanilla bean. A gastronomic rosé for the dinner table.

Winemaker's note:

"Our third release of rosé from the 25 steps vineyard is showing us again fine earthy, floral and herbaceous notes. The maceration time was less this year and the wine 100% fermented in neutral puncheons, which has resulted in both delicacy and texture. Wines from this unique place taste unique – and it's exciting to see them as single vineyard bottlings so we can get a picture of the vineyard-derived flavours."

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

**Viticulturist:** Mark Naismith

**Winemaker:** Josh Lee

**Bottled:** Sept 2020

**Brix at Harvest:** 21

**Alcohol:** 13.5 %

**Residual Sugar:** 2.6

**Titrateable Acidity:** 5.4

**PH:** 3.34

