

**AKARUA
ALCHEMY ICE
2021**

Central Otago - Bannockburn



Akarua is a unique site made of 52 ha (including 34,5 ha of vines) nestled in the foothills of snow-capped mountains, on the bank of the Kawarau River, upstream of Dunstan Lake and amid breathtaking scenery. Located in the Central Otago region, in Bannockburn, the vineyard is planted over three terraces facing west giving it intense all-day sun during the growing season. This exceptional terroir offers a great pinot noir expression, as a reflection of the dramatically beautiful mountains surrounding the estate. Akarua means "two vines" in Māori, referring to the original grape varieties planted in 1996 by the Sir Clifford Skeggs: pinot noir and chardonnay. They now represent 78.5 % and 2% of the parcels respectively, and a small amount of pinot gris and riesling completes the offering.

VINEYARD AREA : 1,13 ha

BLEND : 100% Riesling

ALCOHOL : 9 %



THE VINEYARD

SOIL TYPE : Weakly structured light alluvial soils overlaying schist rock.

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINE : 16 years

ELEVATION : 270m

GRAPE VARIETIES : 100% Riesling

PRUNING : VSP, Spur

HARVEST : Handpicked

HARVEST PERIOD : 15th April 2020

THE WINE

WINEMAKING : After harvest the grapes are sent to a blast freezer to be frozen. We use two types of German ice wine yeast which perform at low temperatures and high sugar levels to ferment the concentrated juice.

AGEING : Stainless steel vats.

AGEING DURATION : 5 months.

TASTING COMMENTS



Akarua Alchemy Ice has a yellow color with glittering reflections.



Glorious nose – white stone fruit, vanilla crème brulee and caramelised pecans; with heady notes - musk, rose petals, baked spices - and exotic fruits – lychee and guava.



Complex palate with a fruit salad of flavour and fine, persistent mineral and spice finish. Perfectly balanced between decadent richness and ethereal purity.



Delicious right now and cellar for 10+ years.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Can be enjoyed on its own or with savoury dishes and cheese. It will go perfectly with a foie gras for the end of the year celebrations.