

**AKARUA
PINOT ROUGE
2023**

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 : 34ha (26 ha for Pinot Noir)

BLEND : 100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL : 13 %



Vegan

THE VINEYARD

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

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINE : 20 years

ELEVATION : 230-270m

GRAPE VARIETIES : 100% Pinot Noir

PRUNING : VSP, Spur

HARVEST : Handpicked

HARVEST PERIOD : 23 to 31 March 2023

THE WINE

WINEMAKING : Hand harvested were destemmed then fermented on skins for around three weeks. The resulting wine was gently pressed to stainless steel tank before bottling.

AGEING : Stainless steel tank.

AGEING DURATION : 3 months.

TASTING COMMENTS



Akarua Pinot Rouge has a medium dark purple with pink hues.



An expressive fragrant nose, showing raspberry, strawberry, potpourri, dried herb and mushroom.



The palate has a nice, sweet fruit entry showing red and black cherry, raspberry and plum. Medium bodied with a fine silky texture, bright acidity and a long red berry finish.



Enjoy it at 'cellar temp' – about 12°C shows off the juiciness of this wine perfectly.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Can be enjoyed on its own as an aperitif or with roasted chicken, grilled salmon, mushroom risotto or cheese platter.