

**AKARUA  
PINOT ROSE  
2022**

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 : 21 ha  
BLEND : 100% Pinot Noir  
ALCOHOL : 13.5 %



Vegan

**THE VINEYARD**

SOIL TYPE : Weakly structured light alluvial soils overlaying schist rock  
AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINE : 22 years  
ELEVATION : 240-270 m  
GRAPE VARIETIES : 100% Pinot noir  
PRUNING : VSP, Spur  
HARVEST : Hand picked  
HARVEST PERIOD : 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

**THE WINE**

WINEMAKING : Grapes were gently pressed then followed by a long cool fermentation. The fermentation was stopped to retain a very small amount of sugar to balance the fruit weight and acidity. A small amount of Pinot Noir fermented on skins was added at the end of fermentation to add a layer of complexity and to give brightness to the colour.  
AGEING : Stainless steel tanks.  
AGEING DURATION : 5 months

**TASTING COMMENTS**



Akarua Rose has a Pale Pink with clear hues.



Brightly aromatic with cherry blossom, rose petal, perfume, pear, peach, and strawberry.



A rich entry with vivid fruits of ripe stone fruit, strawberry, raspberry, nougat, biscuit, and lime. The palate is dry, medium bodied with vibrant acidity, lovely concentration, and weight. The wine finishes long with a touch of cranberry.



Recommended cellaring through 2024.

**FOOD & WINE PAIRING**

*With its notes of ripe stone fruits, Akarua Rose 2022 will be perfect as an aperitif or with a summer salad or to accompany your chocolate dessert.*