



AKARUA
CENTRAL OTAGO



Akarua Brut NV Central Otago

VARIETIES

37% Pinot Noir, 63% Chardonnay

SUBREGION/VINEYARD/BLOCK

Bannockburn

Cairnmuir Rd (home block)

Blocks: Kawarau, Clutha, Cairnmuir

White

Clones: 5,6, 15, Abel varying rootstocks

Aspect: north/north west sloping elevated glacial terrace

Row orientation: east/west

Soil: weakly structured light alluvial soils overlaying schist rock

Elevation: 270m

Vine age: 23 years

Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

Felton Rd Terraces

Blocks: Kofiua, Kolo

Clones: 10/5,115; varying rootstocks

Aspect: north west

Row orientation: east/west

Soil: Young alluvial, schist based sandy silt and loams overlaying schist rock

Elevation: 240m

Vine age: 23 years

Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

Pisa

Murrel, de Bettencor

Clones: 6, Mendoza, 10/5

Aspect: flat and level river terrace created by glacial activity

Elevation: 205m

Row orientation: north/south

Soil: fine silt loam over schist based alluvial gravels

Vine age: 27 years

Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

SUBREGION/VINEYARD/BLOCK

Pisa

25 steps

Clones: 777

Aspect: highly undulating, terraced vineyard

Elevation: 200-317m

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

Vine age: 18 years old

Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

BASE WINEMAKING/BLENDING

- 100% hand-harvested

- whole bunch pressed

- parcels kept separate for ferment

- 25% old French barriques, rest stainless

- mix wild/inoculated yeast

- base wines unfinned

TIRAGE / LEES AGING

Following secondary fermentation and lees ageing for 18 months, the wine is riddled, disgorged, aged on cork and released.

TASTING NOTE

Pretty lifted notes of white blossom, lemon curd, Royal Gala apples and white-fleshed stone fruit. Palate is zesty and fresh, with crunchy nashi pears and fine persistent bead. Lovely length and mouth filling richness balanced with bright acidity. The perfect aperitif.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Andrew Keenleyside

Disgorged: From April 2021

Dosage: 6 g/L

ABV: 13%

