



**AKARUA**  
CENTRAL OTAGO

Pinot Noir 2019  
Bannockburn, Central Otago

**SUB REGION**

**Region:** Central Otago  
**Sub Region:** Bannockburn

**Cairnmuir Vineyard 68%**

Kawarau, Clutha, Southview,  
Cairnmuir Rise, Lakeview

**Clones:** 5,6,13, 115, 777;  
**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 Terraces Vineyard 32%**

Kofiu, Kolo

**Clones:** 5, 777, 667, 115;  
**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

**VINTAGE**

**Growing conditions:**  
Characteristically unpredictable Central  
Otago growing conditions bookended  
by frost events. Overall, a cool, settled  
season with good rainfall resulting in  
long, gentle development of flavour and  
physiological ripeness. Budburst,  
flowering and fruit set all right on  
schedule this year for our cool climate  
region.

**Grower Degree Days:** 1,100 GDD  
**Rainfall:** 426 ml Oct-April

**VINIFICATION**

**Pre-ferment maceration:** 5 days  
**Yeast:** 70% wild  
**Fermentation heat:** Peaked at 31°C  
**Punch-downs:** Twice daily  
**Post-ferment maceration:** 6 days  
**Oak treatment:** 11 months in 27%  
new French barriques, medium-plus  
toast, mostly Alliers & Vosges forests

**TASTING NOTE**

Deep and bright ruby.  
Complex nose of red plums, black  
cherries and vintage roses; with earthy  
notes and garrigue - brambles, wild  
thyme, heather, rosehip and crushed  
herbs. The palate structure is rich and  
concentrated, the acids are juicy yet  
fine and the supple tannins enhance a  
long spice-laden finish of star anise,  
fennel seeds and Szechuan pepper.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

"The 2019 vintage of Akarua Pinot Noir  
is a return to a generously structured  
wine of richness, concentration, length  
and complexity. Vine age continues to  
play an increasingly important part, as  
the flavours in the fruit reflect a picture  
of the vineyards in a complex and  
delicious way."

Recommended Cellaring 2028+

**TECH ANALYSIS**

Viticulturist • Mark Naismith  
Winemaker • Andrew Keenleyside  
Bottled • February 2020  
Brix • 22-24  
Alcohol • 14%  
pH • 3.57  
T/A • 5.5

