



AKARUA
CENTRAL OTAGO

Pinot Noir 2021
Bannockburn, Central Otago

SUB REGION

Region: Central Otago
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VINEYARDS

Cairnmuir Vineyard 61%
Kawarau, Clutha, Southview,
Cairnmuir Rise, Lakeview

Clones: 5,6,13, 115, 777,10/5
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: 24 years
Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

Felton Terraces Vineyard 39%
Kofiuia, Kolo

Clones: 5, 777, 667, 115, 113
Aspect: north west
Row orientation: east/west
Soil: Young alluvial, schist based sandy
silt and loams overlaying schist rock
Elevation: 240m
Vine age: 24 years
Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

VINTAGE

Growing conditions: Following a winter with low rainfall, it was a dry start to the season. Heavy rains on January first (100ml) were a great relief and boosted fruit set and berry weight. Warm settled weather through late Feb and early March continued through harvest, and with little threat from frosts or stoppages from rain, ensured the fruit arrived evenly at the winery in excellent condition.
Grower Degree Days: 1110
Rainfall: 266 ml Sept-April

VINIFICATION

Pre-ferment maceration: 5 days
Yeast: 80% 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 Ruby.
Nose of ripe raspberries, blackcurrant and struck flint.
The palate derives of black plum and ripened black cherry with notes of wet leaves, charred wood and smoky mushroom. Chalky tannin accompanied by lively minerality lengthens the wines savoury characteristics throughout the finish.

Winemaker's Notes:

"The 2021 vintage of Akarua Pinot Noir is showing the classic savoury notes of a Bannockburn Pinot Noir. The warmer season allowed the growth of plump, ripe fruit, to give the wine a sought-after balance of fruitiness and savouriness. It is dark and textured; a cellar-worthy expression of our Akarua Pinot Noir, showcasing the vintage."

Recommended Cellaring 2032+

TECH ANALYSIS

Viticulturist • Mark Naismith
Winemaker • Andrew Keenleyside
Bottled • February 2021
Brix • 22-24.5
Alcohol • 13.5%
pH • 3.84
T/A • 4.6

