



**AKARUA**  
CENTRAL OTAGO



## Kolo Pinot Noir 2018 Central Otago

### REGION

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

### VINEYARDS

#### **Felton Terraces**

Kolo Block 100%

#### **Clones:**

777 – 37.5%

667 – 37.5%

115 – 25%

**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:**

An exceptionally warm, dry spring and early summer gave us unusually high early season growth. Extraordinary summer heat brought the whole growing season forward culminating in our earliest harvest on March 1<sup>st</sup>. In late summer we had record high rainfall with relatively cool daytime temperatures. These cooler temperatures kept disease pressure in check and the fruit delivered to the winery by the vineyard crew was in excellent condition.

**Grower Degree Days:** 1,283

**Rainfall:** 426 ml Oct-April

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

**Viticulturist:** Mark Naismith

**Winemaker:** Andrew Keenleyside

**Harvest date:** 14th April 2019

**Brix at Harvest:** 22.5-24.5

**Alcohol:** 13.5 %

**Titrateable Acidity:** 5.6 g/L

**Bottled:** October 2019

**PH:** 3.59

### VINIFICATION

#### **Pre-ferment maceration:**

5 days

**Ferment Vessel:** stainless steel

**Yeast:** wild (777, 667),  
inoculated (115)

#### **Fermentation Temp:**

Peaked at 31C

**Punch downs:** twice daily

#### **Post ferment maceration:**

6 days

**Oak treatment:** 18 months in 37% new French barriques, medium+ toast – Alliers, Vosges

#### **Barrel selection:**

105 barrels were produced from Kolo block in 2018. Of these, eight were chosen for the final blend.

### TASTING NOTE

Complex perfume of wild thyme, brambles, clove, bacon smoke and cinnamon. The palate shows juicy red and black cherries, fine tannins and mineral note of savoury earthiness.

#### **Winemaker's Notes:**

*"The wonder of our single block wines is that they reflect both the character and the weather of just a small section of our estate. Without the benefit of blending in wine from other parts of the region to bring in different flavour and structure, a single block wine is a pure snapshot of place and time. Our 2018 Kolo Pinot Noir is lifted, red fruited, silken, delicately spiced and really showing its season. Certainly, a more finely boned version of previous dark and brooding vintages. Delightful."*

### SERVICE & CELLARING

Cellar and serve at 15-18C

Decant 2-3 hours before enjoying.

Drink now through 2028.

