

PINOT ROUGE

By Akarua

Pinot Rouge 2019

REGION

Region: Central Otago

Sub Region: Bannockburn

VINEYARDS

Felton Terraces 51%

Kolo

Clones: 777

Aspect: north west

Row orientation: north/south

Soil: Young alluvial, schist based sandy silt and loams

Elevation: 240m

Vine age: 23 years

Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

Cairnmuir Vineyard 49%

Lakeview

Clones: 777

Aspect: 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

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

Whole bunch fermentation: 15%

Fermentation vessel: stainless steel

Pre-ferment maceration: 5 days

Yeast: wild

Post-ferment maceration: 5 days

Oak treatment: None

Unfined, vegan

TASTING NOTE

Heady perfume of wild raspberries, crunchy red cherries, crushed rose petals and fresh spices. The palate is densely juicy and framed with gentle stem tannins. Bright, easy and flowing with stony mineral finish.

Winemaker's Notes:

"This is our second release of Pinot Rouge, an early bottling in a traditional 'nouveau' style. It is terrific to see so clearly, the flavours of two of our oldest and most favourite vineyards without the overlay of extended oak ageing and complex winemaking. We like to enjoy it at 'cellar temp' – about 12C shows off the juiciness of this wine perfectly."

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Vineyard Mgr: Mark Naismith

Winemaker: Josh Lee

Bottled: 27th June 2019

Brix at Harvest: 22.5

Date of Harvest: 31st Mar/2nd April

Alcohol: 13.5%

PH: 3.71

Titrateable Acidity: 5.3

REVIEWS

"A super-pretty nose of raspberries and red cherries, this is a bright, juicy, highly drinkable wine. You could easily drink a bottle 'by accident'."

James Halliday Feb 2019

"Very fresh, very bright... Great acid line, lush vibrant finish."

Cameron Douglas MS June 2018

