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## Pinot Noir 2020 Central Otago

**VINEYARDS****BANNOCKBURN****Cairnmuir Rd (home block)****Blocks:** Kawarau, Clutha, Southview, Cairnmuir Rise, Cairnmuir Red**Clones:** 5,6,13, 115, 777, 114, 10/5; 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:** 24 years**Trellis system & pruning:** VSP, spur**Felton Rd Terraces****Blocks:** Kofiuia, Kolo**Clones:** 5,777,667,115,113, 114; 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:** 24 years**Trellis system & pruning:** VSP, spur**PISA****Lilyvale, De Bettencor, Murrel****Clones:** 10/5, 115, 777, 114, 113, 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:** 28 years**Trellis system & pruning:** VSP, spur**25 steps****Clones:** 5, 6, 115, 667, 10/5**Aspect:** undulating, steep, terraced**Elevation:** 200-317m**Soil:** Sandy, stony loam topsoil, sub soil mix of deep gravels and clay loams**Vine age:** 19 years**Trellis & Pruning:** VSP, spur

**Winemaker's note:** The 2020 RUA is showing lovely fruit concentration due to small berry size and the low natural yield of this year's harvest. Vibrant red berry notes dominate with violet and lavender florals and a stony mineral character often seen from our schist-laden vineyards. A classic vintage for RUA followers, echoing the intensity of 2017 season.

**VINTAGE NOTES**

**Growing conditions:** Higher winds and cooler temperatures through Oct to early January affected flowering and fruit set, leading to variation in ripening across the estate and lower natural yields. Summer arrived briefly in February and helped lift the seasons growing degree days (GDD) and earlier disease concerns were alleviated by the third driest March seen since 1985 (only 6mm fell). Some similarities to the growing season of 2017 have been noted, spurring discussion amongst the team of another year of exceptional, award-winning wines!

**Grower Degree Days:** 952**Rainfall:** 289 ml Oct-April**VINIFICATION****Whole bunch fermentation:** 5%**Pre-ferment maceration:** 5-7 days**Yeast:** Inoculated & Wild**Fermentation heat:**

Peaked at 31°C

**Punch-downs:** Twice daily**Post fermentation maceration:** 6-10 days**Oak treatment:** French oak barriques used for ageing.**TASTING NOTE**

Lifted perfume of Xmas cake spices with brambles, lavender and wild thyme. Vibrant and concentrated red berry fruit character, with darker notes of blackberries and black cherries. Soft silken tannins, bright structural acidity with a stony mineral thread.

**ACCOLADE HISTORY****2018 Gold Medals**

Sydney IWC 2020, Blue Gold China W&amp;SA, Double Gold 2019

**2017 Trophies**

Best Pinot Noir - Sydney IWC 2019

Best Red Wine - Sydney IWC 2019

Best Wine - Sydney IWC 2019

**2017 Gold Medals**

China W&amp;SA, Double Gold 2018

Merchant Top 100, UK 2019

**2016 Trophies**

Best Value Red Wine - Vinordic WC Sweden 2018

Best Red Wine Over all - Vinordic WC 2018

**2016 Gold Medals**

Blue Gold - Sydney IWC 2017

China W&amp;SA, Hong Kong 2017

