



AKARUA

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Pinot Noir 2021 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:** 25 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:** 25 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:** 29 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:** 20 years**Trellis & Pruning:** VSP, spur

Winemaker's note: The 2021 RUA is supple, vivid and alive with concentrated red and black berries. We're loving the silky texture and long length, and the colour this year seems to "glow" with brightness in the glass. A delicious vintage RUA followers will love.

VINTAGE NOTES

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****Whole bunch fermentation:** 6%**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. (6 months)**TASTING NOTE**

Dark-fruited nose of black plum and cassis with lavender, violets and raspberry compote. Vibrant and concentrated berry characters on the palate - blackberry, raspberry and cranberry; with herbaceous notes of thyme and brambles. Silky, supple tannins, fresh vivid acidity and a long mineral-led finish.

ACCOLADE HISTORY**2020 Gold Medals**

NWWA 2021 NZ, Gold

CWSA 2021, Gold

2019 Significant Accolades

92 points Decanter 2021

2018 Gold Medals

Sydney IWC 2020, Blue Gold

CWSA 2019, Double Gold

2017 Trophies & Gold Medals

Best Pinot Noir - Sydney IWC 2019

Best Red Wine - Sydney IWC 2019

Best Wine - Sydney IWC 2019

CWSA 2018, Double Gold 2018

Merchant Top 100 UK 2019

2016 Trophies & Gold Medals

Best Value Red Wine-VWC Sweden 18

Best Red Wine Overall-VWC 2018

Sydney IWC 2017, Blue Gold

CWSA 2017, Gold

