



**AKARUA**  
CENTRAL OTAGO

## The Siren Pinot Noir 2017 Bannockburn, Central Otago



### VINEYARDS

#### Cairnmuir Rd

#### **Vineyard blocks:**

Kawarau 19%, Clutha 63%,  
Southview 18%

**Clones:** 13, 5, 6

**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:** 21 years old

**Trellising system & pruning:**  
VSP, spur

### VINTAGE

#### **Growing conditions:**

Unsettled spring conditions  
meant a slightly later bud burst  
and slow vine growth early in the  
season. Fortunately, things  
stabilised and warmed in time  
for flowering in mid-December.  
Late summer we had textbook  
Bannockburn diurnal shift  
(warm days, cool nights). A cool  
drawn out finish gave us a long,  
slow ripening period.  
The result was a smaller vintage  
with excellent flavour intensity.

#### **Grower Degree Days:**

965 GDD

**Rain mls:** 225 mm for Oct-  
April growing season

### VINIFICATION

10% whole cluster ferment  
60% indigenous yeast ferment  
18 mths in French oak  
33% new barriques

### TASTING NOTE

Heady multi-layered perfume  
of bush roses, cardamom and  
vanilla with raspberries,  
mulberries and deep notes of  
leather and cigars. The palate  
is dense and concentrated, yet  
with a fine, silken line of  
minerals and structural acidity  
carrying the complex flavours.  
Delicious and satisfying with  
an interplay of sweet and  
savoury character.

#### Winemaker's Notes:

"The style of The Siren has  
been evolving over the years in  
tune with the development of  
these parcels. I think 2017 is  
my favourite yet – it is  
wonderful to see vine age  
playing such a central part in  
creating such complex  
flavours. The Siren will always  
be a special wine in the Akarua  
range; being a barrel selection  
from the best parcels on our  
Cairnmuir Road home block,  
and an homage to Sir Clifford  
Skeggs."

### CELLARING

8-10 years

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

#### **Vineyard Manager:**

Mark Naismith

#### **Winemaker:**

Andrew Keenleyside

**Harvest date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Brix at Harvest:** 22.5

**Alcohol:** 14.5 %

**Titrateable Acidity:** 5.4 g/L

**pH:** 3.65

**Bottled:** October 2018

