



AKARUA

RUA



Pinot Noir 2019 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: 23 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: 23 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: 27 years

Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

25 steps

Clones: 5, 6, 115, 667, 10/5

Aspect: highly undulating

Elevation: 200-317m

Soil: Sandy, stony loam topsoil, sub soil mix of deep gravels and clay loams

Vine age: 18 years

Trellis & Pruning: VSP, spur

VINTAGE NOTES

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

Rainfall: 426 ml Oct-April

VINIFICATION

Whole bunch fermentation: 8%

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: 100% French oak barrel maturation for 7 months.

TASTING NOTE

Lifted perfume of spices - cinnamon, black pepper and clove; with brambles, sage and wild thyme. Bright red berries, with darker notes of mulberries and black cherries. Soft silken tannins, bright structural acidity with a sanguine mineral thread. A benchmark vintage of RUA.

ACCOLADE HISTORY

2018 Gold Medals

Sydney IWC 2020, Blue Gold China W&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&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&SA, Hong Kong 2017

