

# Pinot Noir 2021

AMISFIELD



## GROWING SEASON

Mild winter conditions resulted in early budburst and strong early season growth. A warm spring with a distinct lack of wind allowed for strong canopy growth and Pisa avoided the frosts that hit other areas. Flowering began in early December along with winds that disrupted some of the whites flowering. January began with a heavy rain event and the ensuing humid conditions resulted in some powdery mildew appearing. Fine weather through the remainder of the growing season allowed for beautiful ripening and whilst the crop was lower than usual, the quality of the fruit was excellent. Judicious hand harvesting and sorting, resulted in very high quality fruit entering the winery.

## VINEYARD

Grown across the Estate with vines planted in the Waenga silty loam soils of our lower terraces and the more gravelly Lochar sandy loams of the blocks beside the winery. Certified Organic since 2021.

## WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested fruit was ambient-soaked for four to five days before fermentation began. Gentle, selective timing of hand-plunging and pump overs during fermentation helped to extract the delicate skin and seed tannins. Approximately 15% whole-bunch clusters were included in some of the ferments. After fermentation we tasted the wines frequently to assess the tannin development prior to transfer to barrel where maturation took place for 15 months in French oak. Vegan friendly.

## TASTING NOTES

Concentrated notes of black doris plum, star anise and spice combine with classic Central Otago dark fruits. Framed beautifully by an earthy savouriness and mineral edged acidity, this wine is complemented with fine oak and fruit tannin. Great concentration, complex flavour structure with a long lingering finish.

## HARVEST COMPOSITION

Brix 23.3 - 24.3  
pH 3.15  
Titratable Acidity 9g/L

## WINE COMPOSITION

Residual Sugar <1.0 g/L  
Titratable Acidity 5.3g/L  
Alcohol 14%

**Vine Age**  
(14-22) planted 1999-2007

**Clone**  
667, 115, 777, UCDS & UCD6, Abel

BioGro 5591  
SWNZ Winery ID 1301



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