

# PINOT NOIR

## VITICULTURE

Location Waitaki Valley, North Otago

Climate Maritime influenced UCD5, Abel, 667, 115

Soils Limestone based soil spread through river gravels

Vine Age Planted 2005
Vine Density 5,000 / Hectare
Trellis System VSP / Cane Prune

#### WINE MAKING

Winemaker Antony Worch

Harvest Date 23rd-27th April 2023

 Brix
 22.5-23.3

 Residual Sugar
 <1 g/l</td>

 pH
 3.65

 T.A
 5.1

Peak Fermentation Temp 32 Degree Celsius

Oak Percentages 25% new oak / 20% lyr / 20% 2yr / balance seasoned oak

Time in Barrel 9 months
Fining None

Filtering Coarse filtration
Alcohol 13.2% Alc
Total Cases Produced 450

## **VINTAGE REVIEW**

La Niña's weather pattern came with a generous warm Spring allowing even budburst and little interruption to shoot growth from traditional Spring frosts. The extreme westerly winds were avoided this vintage as the 'energy' of this season was being driven from a much more mild and wetter easterly flow. This however did not affect the yields for our block, and we averaged 6 tonnes per hectare.

The temperatures remained cooler during the vital period of berry development, with careful tendering of the vines the fruit was pristine and we managed to get the time needed to achieve desired ripeness crafting wines that reflect our limestone soils and terroir.

Harvest started on 23rd April and the final grapes were gathered on 29th April.

## **TASTING NOTE**

Complex aromas of wild berry and vanilla with a hint of spice. The tannins are firm yet fresh making this an elegant Pinot Noir.

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