

MONTE CRISTO

WINERY

Established in 1864 by Jean Désiré Féraud, Monte Cristo is the birthplace of Central Otago wine. Our wines are made with 100% estate-grown fruit sourced from our vineyards across three distinct sub-regions, the Alexandra Basin, Bannockburn and Pisa. Utilising sustainable farming practices and minimal intervention methods in the winery, the outcome is elegant, refined, and impeccably balanced wines epitomising the terroir of Central Otago.



2022 CENTRAL Pinot Noir

Tasting note

With dark plums and spice, this Pinot Noir has bright acidity and a soft finish.

Vintage note

2022 was a warm, even growing season with average rainfall and low incidence of frosts. Wines show optimal ripeness, medium body and bright acidity.

VINEYARDS

Vineyard: Catherine's (39%)

Subregion: Pisa

Elevation: 240m

Clone(s): 115, 5, Abel

Soil: Waenga alluvial sand and silt gravels, loam texture and moderately stoney, derived from schist

Growing Degree Days: 1145

Harvest: By hand on the 23-25/4/2022

Yield: 9 t/ha

Vineyard: Davishon (31%)

Subregion: Alexandra Basin

Elevation: 160m

Clone(s): 5, 115

Soil: Blackmans alluvial sand and silt gravels derived from schist and sandstone

Growing Degree Days: 970

Harvest: By hand on the 29/3/2022

Yield: 6.9 t/ha

Vineyard: Confluence (21%)

Subregion: Bannockburn

Elevation: 210m

Clone(s): 777, 115

Soil: Manuherikia loess deposited silt material overlaying sand and silt alluvial deposits derived from schist

Growing Degree Days: 1073

Harvest: By hand on the 1/4/2022

Yield: 8 t/ha

Vineyard: Paris (9%)

Subregion: Bannockburn

Elevation: 220m

Clone(s): 10/5, 115

Soil: Cromwell loess deposited sands derived from schist

Growing Degree Days: 1073

Harvest: By hand on the 1/4/2022

Yield: 7 t/ha

WINEMAKING

Brix: 23.3 (avg.)

Whole Cluster: 6%

Total time on skins: 25 days (avg.), including a five-day cold soak

Fermentation: Wild yeasts

Aging: 10 months in 33% new French oak

Cases Produced: 196

FINISHED WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.66

TA: 5.5 g/l