

Chard Farm

CENTRAL OTAGO

Mason Vineyard Pinot Noir 2023

Winemakers comments:

The Mason Vineyard Pinot Noir is a single vineyard wine grown on the Mason vineyard in the Parkburn sub-region of the Cromwell Basin. It is a unique and captivating site on a north facing frost free slope. The wine is predominately made up of a parcel of Abel clone Pinot Noir that grows on the steep north facing "O" block. We favour the grapes that grow there because of the underlying clay and pedogenic lime layers. The vines seem to struggle more than the rest of the block, and the fruit that is produced has smaller bunches and more intense flavours as a result. It is very spicy, and the fruit is elegant and sinewy on the palate. We also pick at the same time a smaller amount of clones 777 & 667 grown on either side of the Abel. These clones give the wine good tannin structure and fruit weight. This vintage will reward long term cellaring.

Wine description:

Deep and complex aromas of black cherry unfold with roasted cacao, lapsang souchong and lifted cinnamon spice. The palate is dense and mouth filling, carrying impressive depth and poise, with layers of dark cherry fruit and savory complexity. The structural tannin and fresh acidity frame the palate and lead to a long, persistent finish with lingering spice and earthy notes.

Harvest: 27^h March 2023

Brix 22.6

pH 3.13

TA 9.1g/L

Bottled: 21st November 2024

pH – 3.65

TA – 5.2g/L

Alc. – 12.7%

