

Chard Farm

CENTRAL OTAGO

winemakers comments:

The Mason 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.

wine description:

A rich bouquet of dark berry fruits – Blackberry, plum and black cherry mixed with spiced dark chocolate and tea notes. The palate presents great fruit weight and texture with layers of fruit, spice and savoury tones changing and evolving with each sip. The beautifully balanced acid and fruit drives a long and interesting finish.

Harvest: 12th April 2021

Brix: 23.6

pH: 3.33

TA: 8.2g/L

in bottle: 16th February 2023

pH: 3.69

TA: 5.3g/L

Alc: 13.9%

