



PROPHET'S ROCK

Technical Notes

**2006
Prophet's Rock
Pinot Noir
Central Otago**

Brix at Harvest: 24.1

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.61

TA: 6.3 g/l

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir Clones: Clones 5, Abel, 114, 115, 667, 777

Quantity Produced: 3500 (6-bottle) Cases

Residual Sugar: Dry

Vineyard Notes: The grapes were sourced from our two estate vineyards located in the Pisa and Bendigo sub-regions of Central Otago. The Pisa Vineyard features warm free draining Lochar and Waenga soils and excellent exposure to the evening sun. The Bendigo Vineyard is located on the impressive north-facing slopes of Chinaman's Terrace. This stunning site has fascinating soil structures featuring clay and chalk sub-soils mixed with schist and quartz.

Extensive canopy and crop management was carried out during the growing season to ensure the grapes attained full physiological ripeness with great concentration and flavour.

Vintage 2006 Notes: A warm and early start was followed by a typically hot and dry Central Otago summer ensuring full ripeness before picking from mid-March to mid-April period.

Winemaking Notes: The grapes for this wine were handpicked and field sorted, once at the winery the fruit was 100% destemmed with a high proportion of whole berries going into the fermenters. After an extended cold soak the wines started fermentation with indigenous "wild" yeast. The fermenting wine was hand-plunged only and once alcoholic fermentation was complete the wine was drawn off its skins to barrel. The wine spent 15 months in French oak barriques from a variety of Burgundy cooperages and forests of which 35% were new. The wine was bottled unfiltered under premium quality cork.

Wine notes: Dark ruby in colour the Prophet's Rock 2006 shows rich boysenberry, dark cherry with floral and spice aromas on the nose leading on to a smooth dense well-structured palate. Here the rich aromatics are enhanced by silky tannin and well-balanced acidity adding structure before leading on to a long rich finish. A versatile food wine that will complement a wide range of cuisine, this wine is a great match with lamb, game and salmon and will continue to provide great enjoyment to those with patience over the next 3-10 years.

Summary tasting note: Deep concentrated fruit, floral and spice aromatics, rich, silky smooth, complex, absolute pleasure and fine example of what makes top Central Otago Pinot Noir so special.