



Prophet's Rock *Pinot Noir 2010*



Wonderful lifted fruit, floral and spice aromatics, rich, silky smooth, complex. An absolute pleasure and a fine example of what makes top Central Otago Pinot Noir so special.

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3.63

TA: 6.3 g/l

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

Quantity Produced: 990 (6-bottle) cases

Residual Sugar: None

VINEYARD:

The grapes were sourced from our Bendigo estate vineyard on the impressive North-facing slopes of Chinaman's Terrace, located in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago. This stunning site has 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 NOTES:

The 2010 season was even and slightly cool through Spring followed by a good Summer and long dry Autumn. These conditions allowed extended ripening and full aromatic expression with great concentration. The grapes were picked mid-late April.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were handpicked and field sorted, once at the winery the fruit was 95% destemmed with a high proportion of whole berries going into the fermenters. Fermentation took place using only indigenous 'wild' yeast. The wine was gently hand-plunged and once alcoholic fermentation was complete, the wine was drawn off its skins into barrel. The wine spent 17 months in French oak barrels from a variety of Burgundy forests and cooperages, of which 35% were new.

Bottled under diam cork which are certified taint-free.

WINE:

"Concentrated, savoury and firmly structured, it is deeply coloured, with strong, youthful cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours, showing good complexity, and obvious potential."

Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines (5 Stars)
