



Prophet's Rock *Pinot Noir 2011*



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: 14.0%

pH: 3.66

TA: 6.0 g/l

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

Quantity Produced: 993 (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 featuring clay and chalk 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. Yields on the Prophet's Rock vineyards are kept very low, in this vintage 35hl/ha.

VINTAGE NOTES:

After a very warm Spring, the 2011 season had a mixed weather through early summer leading into a warm and dry Autumn. This 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 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 occasionally and once alcoholic fermentation was complete, the wine was drawn off its skins to barrel. The wine spent 17 months in French oak barrels from a variety of Burgundy forests and cooperages, of which 35% were new. The wine was bottled unfiltered under Diam cork which are certified taint-free.

WINE: Rich ruby in colour, the Prophet's Rock 2011 displays rich red berry fruit and floral aromas on the nose leading on to an elegant well-structured palate. The rich aromatics are enhanced by silky tannin and well-balanced acidity leading on to a long finish. This is a versatile food wine that will complement a wide range of cuisine and is a great match with lamb, game and salmon. This wine will reward cellaring for those with patience over the next 6-10 years from vintage.
