



Prophet's Rock *Pinot Noir 2012*



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: 13.0%

pH: 3.76

TA: 5.4 g/l

Pinot Noir Clones: 5, 114, 667, 777

Quantity Produced: 968 (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 warm spring, the 2012 season rolled into a spectacular summer leading into a warm and dry autumn. This allowed extended ripening and full aromatic expression with great concentration. The grapes were picked mid-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 2012 Pinot Noir displays rich red berry fruit, spice and floral aromas on the nose leading on to an elegant well-structured palate. The rich aromatics are accompanied by silky tannin and well-balanced acidity leading on to a long finish. This versatile food wine will complement a wide range of cuisine and is a great match with duck, venison and other game as well as lamb and salmon. This wine will reward cellaring over the next 6-10 years from vintage.
