



Prophet's Rock Pinot Noir Infusion 2016

Alc: 13%

pH: 3.54

TA: 6.0g/l

RS: Nil

Cases: 112 Cases (12)



Vineyard

The grapes for our Infusion Pinot Noir are sourced 80% from a single block on our Rocky Point Vineyard and 20% from the Home Vineyard. Both vineyards are in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago and are on elevated, steep terraces. The Rocky Point Vineyard is on schist rock based soil, and the Home Vineyard has clay and chalk based soil 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

After a good start to spring, weather was mixed and very cool through November. December through to March was very warm and very dry. Stable weather through early autumn allowed good ripening and full aromatic expression with great concentration. The grapes were picked late-March at Rocky Point, and 9th April at the Home Vineyard.

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 tanks.

This Pinot Noir was made without the normal extraction from the grape skins during fermentation. Instead, 80% of the grapes spent only 48 hours with their skins before being pressed and fermented in old barrels. The wine was fermented using indigenous 'wild' yeast, and to retain freshness did not go through malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged on its yeast lees until bottling on the 8th of September, 2016.

The Wine

Best served **lightly chilled**, our Infusion Pinot Noir is a pure, gentle expression of our two estate vineyards. The wine displays loads of red berry fruits, spices, with mouth-watering freshness and a long finish. The combination of freshness whilst retaining some Pinot Noir structure means this is a very versatile food wine. Great as a light red option with cured meats and starters, this may also be the best pizza wine we've ever made.



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