Prophet’s Rock Pinot Gris

The Prophet’s Rock Pinot Gris comes from both our Home and Rocky Point vineyards. Planting in these warmer areas of Central Otago and practising careful viticulture allows us to produce a very aromatic style of Pinot Gris, while retaining the trademark freshness of the region. This wine has achieved an avid following and wide acclaim, despite very limited production.

The grapes for this wine were hand-picked from both Prophet’s Rock estate vineyards. Rocky Point has warm free draining predominantly schist soils with some of the steepest planted blocks in Central Otago.

Whilst our Home Vineyard 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, aromatics and flavour. Yields on both sites were kept very low and did not exceed 38hl/ha or 5t/ha.

The grapes for this wine are handpicked and field sorted, once at the winery the fruit is whole-bunch pressed to retain maximum aromatics and freshness.

The wine is fermented using only indigenous ‘wild’ yeast in multiple small lots. Once fermentation is completed the wine is matured on its yeast lees prior to bottling.

‘This is a truly aromatic expression of Pinot Gris and a marvellous food wine’

The Prophet’s Rock Pinot Gris has received exceptional reviews since the first release in 2007 and has been a matched wine on the degustation menu at Heston Blumenthal’s Michelin three-starred restaurant The Fat Duck.

2017, although a tricky and somewhat wet vintage in some areas of NZ, Central Otago was the place to be! Slightly cooler than other years but with a long sunny ripening period in Autumn the fruit quality was outstanding. This season saw early frost in some low lying vineyards but having some of the highest and steepest vineyards in the area, Prophet’s Rock was not effected by this.

Featured on the Air New Zealand Fine Wine Award for New Zealand’s top iconic wines for the last four years and is a favourite of many fine dining restaurants throughout New Zealand.