



2018 CARRICK BANNOCKBURN PINOT NOIR

Carrick Bannockburn Vineyard, SWNZ BIOGRO-5056

The Carrick Bannockburn Pinot Noir is known for its structure and its ability to age well over a long period of time. The 2018 growing season had the hottest growing season on record, with rain just before harvest, it was incredibly unusual and picking began two weeks earlier than normal. The fruit came in looked good and the resulting wines are generous and impressive.

This wine is an integral part of what we do and a wine that we feel represents the strong connection we have with our land. The fruit comes from a parcel of vines which are entirely grown on their own roots and are the oldest vines we have on the property. Now 25 years old.

Origin: Cairnmuir and Arthur's Vineyard, Carrick, Bannockburn, Central Otago

Hand-picked in: April 2019

Additions: Sulphur Dioxide (PMS), Yeast Hulls

Filtration and/or Fining: Coarse filtration, no fining.

Alcohol: 14.5% abv

Bottled: November 2019

Cases: 4100 x 6 bottle cases

The Carrick Bannockburn Pinot Noir is a blend of 4 different parcels and 3 different clones, from both the Cairnmuir Vineyard (10/5; Clone 5 and 777) and Arthur's Vineyard (10/5, Clone 5 and Clone 13). All vines are planted on their own roots, organically certified and tended to by hand. Destemmed, then fermented using wild yeast, each parcel spends 9 months ageing in barrel, of which 20% are new French oak barrels. Each barrel is carefully selected, before blending and remains in tank over harvest, allowing it time to unify.

This is classic Central Otago Pinot Noir, with good structure, earthy tones alongside red fruit and great balance, with at least 1 year of bottle age before release.

Classic, well-balanced, generous.

