

QUARTZ REEF

BENDIGO ESTATE

SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2018



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Divine ruby red in colour with aromas of raspberry and cherry. Rich on the palate with cherry, blackcurrant and subtle spice. An elegant wine with bright acidity, fine tannins and a long vibrant finish.

VINEYARD

This wine is from our BioGro certified organic and Demeter certified biodynamic estate vineyard located in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago. The vineyard was planted in 1998 after careful site selection. The soils on the beautiful north facing slope are Waenga fine sandy loam and Letts steepland with an elevation of 217 – 264 metres, on 44.55° south. Clones: 10/5, 5, 115, 667, 777 & Abel.

VINTAGE

We experienced an extraordinary summer resulting in the hottest growing season ever in Central Otago’s modern history. Early flowering and ripening meant our normal six months of growing was condensed into a mere five months. February rain brought relief for the vines and enabled them to achieve physiological ripeness, and warmer than normal nights lead to lower acidity. Harvest dates were brought forward to achieve perfect balance.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked on the 8th, 12th and 15th March. Each clone was small batch vinified with a small percentage of whole cluster per ferment. Cold Soaked for up to 7 days before indigenous yeast fermentation kicked in. Gentle plunging each day, followed by post maceration of up to 9 days to ensure optimum fruit and tannin balance. Total time on skin; 21 days. Drained directly into selected French oak barriques (25% new) where the wine aged for 12 months during which wild malolactic fermentation occurs.

The winemaking was very much in keeping with the traditional practices of the Old World. The winemaker, Rudi Bauer, has combined these techniques, and his own personal understanding, to create this wine.

TECHNICAL

pH: 3.66, TA: 5.2 g/L, Alc: 14.0%
Bottling Date: 2nd September 2019
Ageing Potential: 6 – 9 years

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REVIEWS



'Silver' Medal: *"Our seventh annual NZ Organic Wine Awards has now concluded and we proudly recieved Champion Sparkling Wine, four gold medals and two silver including one for our 2018 Pinot Noir."* By NZ Organic Wine Awards (Jul 2020)

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92+ points: *"The 2018 Single Vineyard Pinot Noir is a terrific effort, marrying attractive floral and tea-like aromas with bright raspberry and cherry fruit. It's medium to full-bodied but seems lighter and fresher because the flesh is wrapped within a sleeve of crisp acids, containing and buttressing it, focusing it into a prolonged finish. Despite the warm vintage, this is impeccably balanced, with the ability to age well for a decade."* by Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate (Feb 2020)

