

QUARTZ REEF

BENDIGO ESTATE

PINOT GRIS 2020 - SINGLE VINEYARD



Exhibiting flavours of ripe pear, peach and marzipan followed by a rich mouthfilling texture with notes of citrus and sweet cinnamon, dry with a mineral finish. Ageing 3 – 5 years.

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 steepeland soil with an elevation of 217 - 264 metres, on 44.55° south.

VINTAGE

It was a cool start to the season with occasional frosts, two brief hailstorms in October, and a higher amount of rainfall during December. We also experienced more cloud cover than normal, the severe bushfires in Australia may have contributed to this. By the end of January, we were experiencing more settled weather. Veraison was early February and our grape harvest began early March. With the added pressure of Covid-19, we were happy to have the weather on our side. It is certainly a harvest to remember and we will be rewarded with a vintage of high-quality wine.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked in ideal condition and ripeness on the 9th and 11th April. Whole bunch pressed, minimum settling followed by natural fermentation and aged on yeast lees for 8 months during which full malolactic fermentation occurred. Bottled on the 12th November 2020.

TECHNICAL

pH: 3.25, TA: 6.2g/l, Alc: 13.5%, RS: 0.86g/l

