

2019 CARRICK BILLET-DOUX PINOT NOIR

Carrick Bannockburn Vineyard, SWNZ BIOGRO-5056

Because we believe in expressing our unique site from which our wines are born, the ultimate test for a winemaker is to make wines without any cosmetic refinery, i.e. no fining, no filtration, no preservative. Just grapes. For us it also means that <u>only</u> organically certified grapes are used in the making of the wine, it is bottled without filtration and nothing is added or taken away from the wine during its creation.

These wines could not be possible without the care and attention of our vineyard team. At Carrick we manage the vineyards using a small team who prune, weed and train the vines each season by hand, allowing for a tailored approach to each parcel. The Billet-Doux comes from Bill's Vineyard which is on the other side of Cairnmuir Road. It is a mix of clones 5, 6 and 13, hand-harvested and destemmed. It spends 9 months in old French oak barriques before bottling under cork closure at the winery.

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

Hand-picked in: April 2019

Additions: None

Filtration and/or Fining: None TSO2 at bottling: <10mg/L Bottled: January 2020 Cases: 725 x 6 bottle cases

Smooth, red-fruited, showing great flow, form and energy.

Organically certified since 2008, to EU equivalence.





Billet-Doux art direction by Leon Ofsky, 2018 "Dielines and Ash" @leonofsky





