



**AKARUA**  
CENTRAL OTAGO

Vintage Brut 2016  
Central Otago

**SUB REGION**

**Region:** Central Otago

**Sub Regions:**

61% Bannockburn

39% Pisa

**VINEYARDS**

**BANNOCKBURN 61%**

**Cairnmuir Vineyard**

**Block:** Kawarau

**Clones:** Chardonnay clone 6

**Aspect:** north/north west sloping elevated glacial terrace

**Row orientation:** east/west

**Soil:** weakly structured light alluvial soils overlaying schist rock

**Elevation:** 270m

**Vine age:** 20 years

**Trellis system & pruning:** VSP, spur

**Felton Terraces Vineyard**

**Block:** Kolo

**Clones:** Pinot Noir clones 115, 667

**Aspect:** north west

**Row orientation:** east/west

**Soil:** Young alluvial, schist based sandy silt and loams overlaying schist rock

**Elevation:** 240m

**Vine age:** 20 years

**Trellis system & pruning:** VSP, spur

**PISA 39%**

**Murrell Vineyard**

**Clones:** Pinot Noir clone 6

**Aspect:** flat and level river terrace created by glacial activity

**Elevation:** 205m

**Row orientation:** north/south

**Soil:** fine silt loam over schist based alluvial gravels

**Vine age:** 22 years

**Trellis system & pruning:** VSP, spur

**VINTAGE**

**Growing conditions:** A warm start with early budburst and good early canopy growth. Impressive diurnal shifts from middle to late in the season bringing good flavour intensity and finesse.

**Grower Degree Days:** 1054 GDD

**BASE VINIFICATION**

Hand-harvested and whole bunch pressed.

30% wild ferment in neutral French oak barriques.

Parcels kept separate until blending.

**TIRAGE, AGEING, DISGORGE**

Pinot Noir 65% Chardonnay 35%

36 mths on lees

5g/L dosage

6 months on cork

**TASTING NOTE**

A complex nose of citrus peel, green apples, roasted almonds and vanilla bean custard. The palate shows a fine mineral thread and the creamy character on the nose follows through with orange citrus notes of tangerine. The structure is weighty and rich but beautifully balanced with taut, bright acidity and delicate persistent bead.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

"The 2016 release of our Vintage Brut brings a Pisa vineyard into the blend for the first time. Murrell vineyard is dedicated to pinot noir and I'm excited to see the structure and acidity this addition has brought to the wine."

**TECH NOTES**

Viticulturist • Mark Naismith

Winemaker • Andrew Keenleyside & Dr Tony Jordan

Triaged • September 2016

Disgorged • November 2020

Alcohol • 12.5%

