

Kolo Pinot Noir

2017 | BANNOCKBURN

The world's most majestic eagle once hunted the skies over Bannockburn and our Felton Terrace Vineyard. Local legend tells of a young warrior named Kolo who protected his family from a Pouakai—Haast Eagle. The tale speaks of courage and freedom—two traits that capture the spirit of our region and this Pinot Noir. From old vines planted in ancient schist soils battling extreme desert alpine conditions, Kolo is a single site wine of great energy, tension and complexity.

Vintage Notes

Unsettled spring conditions meant a slightly later bud burst and slow vine growth early in the season. Fortunately, things stabilised and warmed in time for flowering in mid-December. Late summer we had textbook Bannockburn diurnal shift (warm days, cool nights). A cool drawn-out finish gave us a long, slow ripening period. The result was a smaller vintage with excellent flavour intensity.

Winemakers Notes

Dark and intense. Juicy baked berry fruits and baking spice aromas, following on to savoury earthiness on the palate.

“The wonder of our single block wines is that they reflect both the character and the weather of just a small section of our estate. Without the benefit of blending in wine from other parts of the region to bring in different flavour and structure, a single block wine is a pure snapshot of place and time. The 2017 Kolo Pinot Noir really shows its season. Delightful.”

Technical Notes

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Oak: French oak barrels, 30% new, 22 months

Vinification

Hand picked, then cold soaked for 3 days and warmed naturally for fermentation. Twenty days on skins before pressing to French oak barrels (30% new). Aged in barrels for 22 months before blending and bottling.

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Savoury
Dark Fruit
Structured



Vineyard	Harvest Date	Bottling Date	Qty Bottled	Clones	Alc	pH	Residual Sugar
Kolo - Bannockburn	29 March 2017	12 October 2018	203 x 96 cases	667	14%	3.54	dry

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