

Breakneck Reserve Pinot Noir 2021

AMISFIELD



GROWING SEASON

Mild winter conditions resulted in early budburst and strong early season growth. A warm spring with a distinct lack of wind allowed for strong canopy growth and Pisa avoided the frosts that hit other areas. Flowering began in early December along with winds that disrupted some of the whites flowering. January began with a heavy rain event and the ensuing humid conditions resulted in some powdery mildew appearing. Fine weather through the remainder of the growing season allowed for beautiful ripening and whilst the crop was lower than usual, the quality of the fruit was excellent. Judicious hand harvesting and sorting, resulted in very high quality fruit entering the winery.

VINEYARD

Over the years of growing on our Estate we have been impressed with the evolution of our block 7C Pinot Noir vines which are growing in the Lochar sandy loams soils with subsurface midrow irrigation and cover crops. This is our 6th release of a barrel selection from this site and third year BioGro certified organic Pinot Noir release.

WINEMAKING

A moderately warm year with lower yields brought about small concentrated berries with wonderful tannins, structure and a tight acid line. Dark fruits, cherries and baking spices are present through a combination of whole bunch and whole berry fermented fruit. Coiled and savoury, the wine offers wonderful aging potential. The wine was aged in french oak barriques on lees for 14 months before blending to showcase the best of the vintage and estate for 2021.

TASTING NOTES

Classic Pisa sub regional flavours of deep, plush dark and cherry fruits complemented by a mineral streak. A structural, earthy palate brought on by the low yielding vintage adds a complex savoury edge that allows the wine to evolve in bottle and age extremely well.

HARVEST COMPOSITION

Brix 23.60 - 24.20
pH 3.10 - 3.30
Titrateable Acidity 8.50 - 9.90 g/L

WINE COMPOSITION

Residual Sugar <1.00 g/L
Titrateable Acidity 5.30 g/L
Alcohol 13.50%

Vine Age

16 - 22 years (planted 2001 - 2007)

Clone

667, 777, Abel

PISA, CENTRAL OTAGO