

# Chard Farm

CENTRAL OTAGO

## Mason Vineyard Pinot Noir 2020

### winemakers comments:

The Mason Vineyard Pinot Noir is a single vineyard wine grown on the Mason vineyard in the Parkburn sub-region of the Cromwell Basin. It is a unique and captivating site on a north facing frost free slope.

The wine is predominately made up of a parcel of Abel clone Pinot Noir that grows on the steep north facing "O" block. We favour the grapes that grow there because of the underlying clay and pedogenic lime layers. The vines seem to struggle more than the rest of the block, and the fruit that is produced has smaller bunches and more intense flavours as a result. It is very spicy and the fruit is elegant and sinewy on the palate. We also pick at the same time a smaller amount of clone 777 & 667 grown on either side of the Abel. These clones give the wine good tannin structure and fruit weight.

### wine description:

A rich bouquet full of black cherry, plum and spice. The vein of ripe fruit continues into the mouth coating the palate along with generous and velvety tannins. Building in intensity at the back of the palate where the fruit, spice and mineral flavours linger on a wonderfully long and detailed finish.

harvest: 20th April 2020

Brix: 23.0

pH: 3.20

TA: 9.1g/L

in bottle: 12th November 2021

pH: 3.21

TA: 5.6g/L

Alc: 13.1%

