



TARRAS
VINEYARDS
Tarras Vineyards
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2020

SEASON AND VINEYARDS

100% of the grapes were grown at Bendigo on The Canyon Vineyard. The 2020 growing season was a tricky one strategically with lockdown conditions requiring strict separation for our crew. The season started well with a few frosts but little to no damage. Cooler, wet weather during flowering in December led to a tiny, super concentrated crop with a little over 2 tonnes of fruit per hectare.

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested fruit in top condition was destemmed and cold soaked to allow for skin contact and colour development before fermentation began in small batches. Gentle hand-plunging to push down the cap. After fermentation wines were gently pressed and racked to barrel. Maturation was 9 months in around 30% new medium and tight-grain French oak. The intensely low yields paid back with one of the best quality vintages to date.

TASTING NOTES

Intensely coloured, the nose is perfumed with floral aromas, ripe cherry fruits and spicy notes. The palate has excellent weight showing berry fruits and black doris plum and savoury spice. The intense fruit, fine tannins balanced with good acidity and a long finish all indicate this wine will age.
Alc 13.9% TA 4.9 g/l RS: <1 g/l

REVIEWS

5 Stars – 95 Pts - Wine Orbit

“Wonderfully complex and engaging, the wine shows dark berry, dried herb, cedar, game and rich floral aromas on the nose, followed by a beautifully weighted palate that's succulent and supple. Richly textured and generously flavoured with loads of polished tannins, making it robust and velvety at the same time. At its best: now to 2032. \$50.00. www.tarrasvineyards.com. Aug 2022.”

5 Stars – Michael Cooper's Wine Reviews

“Grown at Bendigo, the finely structured 2020 vintage (5*) is a classy young red. Deep, bright ruby, it is mouthfilling, with good density of ripe berry, plum and spice flavours, rich and savoury, and a long, very harmonious finish. Best drinking 2024+.”

93 Pts – Silver – International Wine Challenge 2023, UK

“A dense core with plush fruit that is nuanced with savoury layers and a ripe yet fresh finish.”

Production: 4,207 bottles (350 cases of 12)