



*TARRAS THE CANYON PINOT NOIR is labelled only in exceptional vintages from a single vineyard located high up on the terraces at Bendigo in Central Otago. Established in 2002, grapes from this organically managed vineyard produces distinctive, outstanding Pinot Noir that seriously ages.*



*TARRAS THE CANYON VINEYARD*

## **Tarras The Canyon Pinot Noir 2019**

### **SEASON AND VINEYARD**

2019 was an excellent vintage up on the Canyon Vineyard. A wet spring replenished soil moisture levels for the warm summer that followed. The vineyard crew kept on top of weed growth by both hand weeding the mechanical tilling. Small berries provided great flavours and we further reduced the crop with “green” harvests to ensure even, consistent concentration and make sure we achieved ripeness at harvest. The vineyard was planted in 2002 and it is broken up into clones 5,667,555 and 115. It is organically managed in harmony with surrounding native plants and insects. The flavours are evaluated and treated separately during harvest reaching optimal ripeness up to 10 days apart between clones.

### **WINEMAKING**

Hand-harvested fruit in perfect condition was destemmed and cold soaked to allow for skin contact and colour development before natural fermentation began in small batches. Gentle hand-plunging to push down the cap. After fermentation wines were gently bladder pressed and racked to barrel denoting free run from the final pressing stages to aid in barrel selection. Maturation was 9 months in around 30% new medium and tight-grain French oak. The Canyon Pinot Noir was made from a selection of these barrels composed to make this classic pinot noir expression. The clean fruit allowed for minimal use of SO<sub>2</sub>.

### **TASTING NOTES**

Enticing floral notes with intense and pure spicy red fruit aromas. The palate is opulent and complex, wrapped in multiple layers of plush red and dark fruits, fine ripe tannins and characteristic savoury notes that are often attributed to this vineyard alone. Excellent palate length, worthy of cellaring.

Alc 13.7%    TA 4.7 g/l    RS: <1 g/l

## **REVIEWS - 2019 CURRENT RELEASE**

### **GOLD MEDAL - INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2023, LONDON, UK**

“Good example of this style with damson and wild strawberry. Fruit and stony tannin with a herbaceous and appetising finish.”

### **5 STARS - 97 Points - WINE ORBIT**

“This is powerfully graceful with stunning complexity; the enticing bouquet shows dark cherry, tapenade, smoked game, truffle and cedary oak characters. The concentrated palate delivers terrific fruit richness with fleshy texture and beautifully melded tannins, finishing sumptuous and structured. Multi-layered and hugely appealing. At its best: now to 2034. \$80.00. [www.tarrasvineyards.com](http://www.tarrasvineyards.com). Aug 2022.”

### **5 STARS – CLASSIC STATUS – MICHAEL COOPERS WINE GUIDE**

“The generous, savoury, well-structured 2019 vintage (5\*) was estate-grown at Bendigo and matured in French oak casks (33 per cent new). Deep ruby, it is full-bodied and supple, with concentrated, complex flavours, showing excellent ripeness and harmony, and a long finish. Drink now or cellar.”

**Production:** 3,808 bottles (317 – 12 bottle equivalent cases)

## **PREVIOUS CANYON VINTAGES**

### **TARRAS VINEYARDS THE CANYON PINOT NOIR 2017**

5 STARS – CLASSIC STATUS – Michael Coopers Wine Guide 2021

5 STARS - 95 Points - Wine Orbit

5 STARS - 95 Points - TOP RANK – Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review

### **TARRAS VINEYARDS THE CANYON PINOT NOIR 2016**

5 STARS – 96 Points - TOP RANK - Bob Campbell MW, August 2018

5 STARS – 96 Points - Wine Orbit

5 STARS - Michael Cooper, September 2017

GOLD MEDAL - New Zealand International Wine Show 2017

GOLD MEDAL - Bragato Wine Awards 2017

### **TARRAS VINEYARDS THE CANYON PINOT NOIR 2014**

5 STARS - Michael Cooper, September 2017

5 STARS - 96 Points - Wine Orbit

PURE GOLD - Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2015.

### **TARRAS VINEYARDS THE CANYON PINOT NOIR 2013**

5 STARS - Raymond Chan 19/20 Dec 2014.

5 STARS - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit Dec 2014

GOLD MEDAL - Royal Easter Show, New Zealand

### **TARRAS VINEYARDS THE CANYON PINOT NOIR 2009**

INTERNATIONAL PINOT NOIR TROPHY – Decanter Asia Wine Awards, Hong Kong

TROPHY – International Wine Challenge, London UK

GOLD - International Wine Challenge, London UK