



2021 CARRICK THE MAGNETIC PINOT NOIR

Carrick Bannockburn Vineyard, SWNZ BIOGRO-5056

Named after a Kawarau River gold dredge, the Carrick Magnetic Pinot Noir is a single block, single variety and single clone wine. Unique and interesting, it is only sold direct to customers through our cellar door and wine club. The clone is Abel, said to be a cutting smuggled into the country from a famed Burgundian estate and subsequently confiscated by one Malcolm Abel. Moonlighting as a winemaker in his spare time, Abel – a customs officer – saw the potential in the cutting and decided to propagate the clone. It is this unique chain of events which ultimately lead us to plant the Abel clone on a small 0.34 ha plot in 2008.

Hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard, 100% Abel clone. De-stemmed to tank, fermented wild using a combination of pump-overs and punch-downs to manage the cap. On skins for 28 days, pressed, settled and racked to 7 barrels - for 9 months, 15% new.

Harvested: 6th April 2021
Additions: Tartaric Acid, Sulphur Dioxide
Fining/Filtration: No fining, coarse filtration only
Acidity: 5.5 g/L
Residual Sugar: <1g/L
Alc: 14%
TSO2 at bottling: 46 ppm
Bottling date: 9 March 2022
Cases: 316 x six-bottle cases

“The 2021 Magnetic, is plush and full-bodied with velvety tannins and notes of cigar, bacon, dark cherry and earthy notes. It's burly and weighty with plenty more to give with time. An impressive wine, with good balance and potential.”

-Winemaker Rosie Menzies

Cellaring Potential: Best from 2024 to 2034

Food Match: Lamb shoulder, with roasted agria potatoes, lamb jus, & ricotta salata

