

TASTING NOTES

TARRAS VINEYARDS BENDIGO PINOT NOIR 2021 CENTRAL OTAGO

Intense dark ruby coloured, a powerful nose with red and dark fruits, liquorice and baked spices.

The palate is full and intense with flavours of dark cherries, plum and spices. A hugely appealing and expressive wine that has really benefited from cellaring before release. This is a great vintage and it will continue to age well.

VINEYARD SEASON

Good settled weather over flowering led to a successful fruit set. Shoot and bunch thinning ensured reduced, concentrated yields. The fruit was hand harvested in early April in perfect condition.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was cold soaked before small batch fermentation with gentle hand-plunging to push down the cap. After fermentation the wine was gently pressed and racked to barrel. Maturation was 9 months in around 30% new medium and tight-grain French oak.

BLEND

100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL

14% alc

FOOD MATCHES

Duck breast with Cherry Sauce, Herb Crusted Rack of Lamb, Roast Chicken with Rosemary and Thyme. Beef Bourguignon

GOLD MEDAL

Aotearoa Regional Wine Awards November 2025.

MICHAEL COOPER

- 5 STARS

Grown at Bendigo, the 2021 vintage (*****) is a powerful, sturdy red, showing strong personality. Full-coloured, it is mouthfilling, savoury and well-structured, with concentrated, cherryish, distinctly spicy flavours, a hint of liquorice, good complexity and a long, firm finish. A distinctive, very age-worthy red, it's already drinking well, but should be at its best 2026+.

