



2020 CARRICK BANNOCKBURN PINOT NOIR

Carrick Bannockburn Vineyard, SWNZ BIOGRO-5056

The Bannockburn Pinot Noir is Carrick's flagship wine, and the wine that we feel best represents the strong connection we have with our site. Known for its structure and ability to age well over a long period of time, the fruit is hand-picked from several vineyard parcels that are entirely grown on their own roots and are the oldest vines we have on the property. Now 25 years old.

The 2020 growing season was cool to start with a late budburst, cold in December and early January. Followed by heat spikes in late January and throughout February began to see ripening catch up. Quality was the silver lining of this tumultuous year.

Winemaking: Comprised of just 3 different vineyard parcels, a mix of clones 10/5 and clone 13, each hand-picked at optimum ripeness, destemmed, then fermented separately. Spending 20-26 days on skins, the wine was pressed, then aged in barrel for 11 months, with 23% new oak. Each barrel was hand-selected then blended together, for a further 6 months before bottling, unfinned and lightly filtered.

Origin: Cairnmuir & Arthur's Vineyard, Carrick, Bannockburn, Central Otago

Additions: SO₂, Tartaric Acid, Yeast Hull Supplement

Filtration and/or Fining: No fining, coarse filtration only

Acidity: 5.9g/L TA

Residual Sugar: <1g/L

Alcohol: 13.5% abv

TSO₂ at bottling: 82ppm

Bottled: 26 November 2021

Cases: 1088 x 6 bottle cases produced

"The 2020 Bannockburn Pinot Noir has a lovely aroma with notes of fresh blackberries, raspberry coulis and vanilla. It's complex and layered on the palate, the tannins are soft and build, alongside notes of wood smoke, leather and black pepper. It's long and powerful, with plenty of years ahead of it to gather further detail."

- Winemaker Rosie Menzies

