



2020 CARRICK BILLET-DOUX PINOT NOIR

Carrick Bannockburn Vineyard, SWNZ BIOGRO-5056

At Carrick we believe that wine is an expression of place and time, and that the ultimate test for a winemaker is to make wines without any cosmetic refinery, i.e., no fining, no filtration, no preservative. Just grapes. The Billet-Doux is the wine which embodies this ethos and could not be possible without the care and attention of our vineyard team. Because the quality of the raw ingredient is what defines this wine.

This wine started its journey from fruit hand-picked from our Arthur's Vineyard, from 3 blocks representing the 'Pommard' Clones - 5, 6 and 13. It was fermented together, as whole-berries (100% destemmed) with no inoculation or adjustment. Pressed off after 18 days, then onwards to barrel maturation (all old oak) for 10 months. From barrel to tank, then bottled by hand, under natural cork. No fining, filtration, or additions.

Origin: Arthur's Vineyard
Additions: None
Fining/Filtration: None
Residual Sugar: <0.10g/L
Alc.: 13.0%
TSO2 at bottling: <10ppm
Bottling date: 24 February 2021
Cases: 300 six-bottle cases

"Notes of plum and red cherry can be found on the nose. The palate carries this fruit richness forward, melding together with a savoury charcuterie character and a hint of nutmeg and clove. Overall it has lovely flow, it's soft and rounded, with smooth tannins. Quietly impressive and long."

- Winemaker Rosie Menzies

Certified organic since 2008, to EU equivalence.

