

# *Carrick* 2017 CARRICK EXCELSIOR PINOT NOIR

Cairnmuir Vineyard, Bannockburn, SWNZ BIOGRO-5056

Named for the coal seam which was mined during the goldrush and lies beneath the Carrick Vineyards – The Excelsior is our finest expression of Pinot Noir. The wine is aged in barrel for 18 months, then bottled without fining. It is contemplative, complex, layered, earthy, intense and persistent.

Each vintage of Excelsior we are extremely privileged to work with renowned Central Otago artist Grahame Sydney for the label. The 2016 Excelsior features his painting “Last Light, Hawkduns” 2017 Oil on linen – [www.grahamesydney.co.nz](http://www.grahamesydney.co.nz)

A blend of 16 barrels, from 4 different parcels, each selected based on their own merit and the structure of the final blend. The barrels came from 4 different parcels (CV10/5, CV Clone 13, CV Clone 5 and Arthur’s 10/5). All grown on their own roots and the oldest vines of the property at 25 years. After 10 months ageing in barrels (31% new) the wines were blended and returned to barrel for a further 8 months in barrel. This is a barrel selection of our best Pinot Noir, aged in the cellar for 18 months, with at least 1 year of bottle age before release.

Harvested: April 2017  
Additions: Sulphur Dioxide (PMS), Yeast Hulls  
Filtration: Coarse Filtration, no Fining  
Alcohol: 13.50% abv  
Bottled: November 2018  
Cases: 300 x 6 bottle cases produced.

*“Contemplative, earthy, powerful.”*  
- Winemaker Rosie Menzies

