



2018 CARRICK 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 then ultimately lead us to plant the Abel clone on a small 0.34ha plot in 2008. The Magnetic is fermented in tank, then barreled down to 7 French oak barrels, with one new barrel from Mercurey. Aged in barrel for 9 months and bottled without any fining.

Origin: Carrick Vineyards, Bannockburn, Central Otago

Hand-picked in: Mar 2018

Bottled: Jan 2019

Cases: 300 x 6 bottle cases

Due to the hot season of 2017-2018, this block was picked a month earlier than normal, yet still holds the intense character one comes to expect of the Abel clone. Of all the clones of Pinot we make, this always tastes the most complete and rounded and the 2018 is no exception. It is rich, bold, dark-fruited and well balanced. The type of wine to drink in front of a fire on a cold dark night.

Organically certified since 2008, to EU equivalence.

