



2019 CARRICK 'THE 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 ultimately lead us to plant the Abel clone on a small 0.34 ha plot in 2008.

Winemaking:

The Magnetic is hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard, 100% Abel clone. De-stemmed to tank, fermented wild using a combination of pump-overs and punch-downs to manage the cap. On skins for 22 days, pressed, settled and racked to 7 barrels (15% new) for 10 months.

Origin: Cairnmuir Terraces, Carrick, Bannockburn
Additions: Yeast Hull Supplement, Sulphur Dioxide
Finning/Filtration: No fining, coarse filtration only
Acidity: 5.3 g/L
Alc.: 14.5%
TSO2 at bottling: 28.8 ppm
Bottling date: 21 February 2020
Cases: 315 six-bottle cases

Tasting Note:

The 2019 Magnetic offers a vibrant, aromatic nose, filled with red cherry and plum notes. It's powerful and long, with good flow and balance. Notes of dark chocolate, toast and macerated strawberries come through on the palate. Will age well and develop generosity with time.

