



## 2021 CARRICK EXCELSIOR PINOT NOIR

Carrick Cairnmuir Terraces, 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. A single vineyard wine, created through careful barrel selection and prolonged ageing in the cellar before bottling. Each vintage of Excelsior we celebrate local and NZ artists, showcasing their artwork alongside ours. The 2021 Excelsior features a landscape painting by Neil Driver, of a track in the Carrick Range above Bannockburn – “Slapjack Saddle”.

The Excelsior is derived from two parcels side-by-side on the Cairnmuir Terraces, representing two different clones - 10/5 and 13. For the 2021 vintage, just 4 barrels were selected from these two parcels and these were retained in the cellar for a further 9 months of ageing. The blend consists of 25% new oak and was bottled after 20 months of maturation, the wine has then been aged for a further 2 years before release.

Harvested: 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Additions: Tartaric Acid, Sulphur Dioxide  
Filtration: and/or Fining: No fining, coarse filtration only  
Total Acidity: 5.9g/L  
Residual Sugar: <1g/L  
Alcohol: 14.0% abv  
TSO2 at bottling: 63ppm  
Bottled: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Cases: 194 x 6 bottle cases produced

*“The 2021 Excelsior Pinot Noir has the power and density that has become a hallmark of this wine. Fruit intensity, tannin and length are all found in ample portions, creating an overall feeling of balance and richness. Notes of toast, blackberry, chorizo and lavender flow through the wine and onto the finish.” - Winemaker Rosie Menzies*

*Cellaring Potential: Best from 2024 to 2035*

*Food Pairing: Pinot Noir cured beef fillet, parmesan sable, pickled beetroot & black garlic emulsion*

