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WINEMAKER'S RESERVE

PINOT NOIR

GIBBSTON, CENTRAL OTAGO | 2017

Thinking differently is what we do at Yealands. Crafting award-winning wines in harmony with nature has seen us lead the world in sustainable winegrowing. But most importantly, it means great tasting wines which don't cost the earth.

The reward of an exceptional vintage is the ability to create remarkable Reserve wines from individual parcels of fruit. Subtle winemaker influence complements the natural fruit flavours from our vineyard producing complex wines with texture and intensity.

WINEMAKERS NOTE

"I have always found the wines coming out of the Gibbston sub-region in Central Otago interesting and elegant. The fruit is the last into the winery, it is 100% handpicked and comes up in small bins in a refrigerated truck. It gets a good start on the cold soaking process during the journey up to Marlborough! This wine has a beautiful, seamless texture and bright red fruit and acid core that I associate with Gibbston wines. Aromas of cherry, plum and spice are complemented by powerful tannins and a savoury, textured mid palate. Cellar up to 10 years."

VITICULTURE

Gibbston Valley is the coolest and highest growing region in Central Otago, where the vines are planted on undulating north facing slopes of loess over granite schist soils to optimise sun exposure. These growing conditions lead to berries that are thick skinned and concentrated in flavour.

WINEMAKING

Winemaker: Jeff Fyfe

Harvest Date: 30th April 2017

Winemaking Analysis: Alc 14.0% pH 3.84 TA 4.99 RS 0.8g/l

Upon arrival to the winery, the handpicked fruit was destemmed and continued to cold soak for 5 days in tank. The parcel was then warmed and inoculated with a selected yeast strain to enhance varietal character. Regular hand plunging has helped to craft a wine with elegance and balance. The wine was aged for 12 months in French oak barriques, 20% of which were new. The blend was lightly filtered prior to bottling.

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