

QUARTZ REEF

CENTRAL OTAGO

SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2021



Intense aromas of dark cherry lifted by fragrant violet and sage. A layered palate with bilberry, plum with subtle forest floor notes and subtle spice. An elegant wine with classy tannins and a long vibrant finish.

VINEYARD

This wine is from our BioGro certified organic and Demeter certified biodynamic estate vineyard located in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago. The vineyard was planted in 1998 after careful site selection. The soils on the beautiful north facing slope are Waenga fine sandy loam and Letts stepland with an elevation of 217 – 264 metres, on 44.55° south. Clones: 10/5, 5, 115, 667, 777 & Abel.

VINTAGE

With warm Spring conditions, growth was steady throughout the vineyard. Flowering began in mid-November and following a cold front in late November, frost risk remained low for the remainder of the season. The new year brought both rain and snow leaving a dusting on the Pisa Ranges, the lowest we have ever seen this far into the season. Warm dry weather followed right through into harvest which enabled the fruit to ripen to perfection. Veraison took place at the end of January and we began our harvest in March. Optimal conditions early in the season have resulted in an above average yield and a long dry season has provided us with exceptional quality.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked on the 24th, 26th and 30th March. Each clone was small batch vinified with a small percentage of whole cluster per ferment. Cold Soaked for up to 7 days before indigenous yeast fermentation kicked in. Gentle plunging each day, followed by post maceration of up to 9 days to ensure optimum fruit and tannin balance. Total time on skin; 21-26 days. Drained directly into selected French oak barriques (26% new) where the wine aged for 12 months during which malolactic fermentation occurred naturally.

The winemaking was very much in keeping with the traditional practices of the Old World. The winemaker, Rudi Bauer, has combined these techniques, and his own personal understanding, to create this wine.

TECHNICAL

pH: 3.65, Total Acidity: 5.4 g/L, Alcohol: 14.0%
Bottling Date: 7th July 2022
Ageing Potential: 6 – 9 years



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MEDIA REVIEWS

PINOT NOIR 2020:

98 points: *"A complex pinot sitting in the meaty/forest floor spectrum with hints of red plums. It has sweet vanilla oak, silky smooth tannins and plenty of acid."* By Winestate Magazine (Jul/Aug 2022)

95 points: *"Deep, ruby-red with dark purple hues, lighter on edge. This has an enticing bouquet with black raspberries and cherries melded with thyme and sweet spice. Medium-full bodied, nuances of dark cherries, raspberries have a mineral edge, interweave thyme, sweet vanilla, star anise, black pepper and cloves. The fruit has excellent ripeness with concentration, showing multi layers and dimensions. Fine-grained, silky, tight-knitted tannins provide structure and grip. Lacy acid thread carries the core of fruit and sweet spice to a lingering, broody finish. This black-fruited Pinot Noir has structure and silky mouthfeel filled with delicate spice and mineral elements. Match with hare and lamb rack over the next 8+ years. Handpicked from Estate vineyard in Bendigo, fermented in small batches with a small percentage of whole clusters, cold-soaked for up to 7 days, indigenous yeast fermented to 14% alc, post maceration, total time on skins 19-24 days. Aged 12 months in French oak barriques, 28% new oak. Underwent wild MLF."* By Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews (Jun 2022)

Classic and 5 Stars: *"Certified organic and biodynamic, the classy 2020 vintage (5*) was estate-grown at Bendigo, hand-picked and matured in French oak barriques. Full, bright ruby, it has a fragrant, complex bouquet. Mouthfilling, it is savoury and well-structured, with deep cherry, plum and spice flavours, seasoned with nutty oak, ripe tannins and a finely balanced, lingering finish. A very ageworthy wine, it's well worth cellaring to 2025."* By Michael Cooper (May 2022)

PINOT NOIR 2019:

93 points: *"All from the estate vineyard in Bendigo, the 2019 Single Vineyard Pinot Noir features intricate shadings of sous-bois, herbal nuances, hints of mocha and ripe, black-cherry fruit. Medium to full-bodied—remember that Bendigo is one of the warmest subregions in Central Otago—supple and expansive in the mouth, this bold, rich example of Pinot Noir fits the age-worthy mold that has characterized owner Rudi Bauer's wines for three decades."* By Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate (Jun 2020)

95 points and 5 Stars: *"Intense and expressive pinot noir with plum, dark cherry, spice, thyme and anise, plus subtle spicy oak. A very impressive wine from a very good vintage. Power that's delivered with considerable finesse."* By Bob Campbell MW (Jan 2021)

Classic and 5 Stars: *"Showing obvious potential for cellaring, the refined, very youthful 2019 vintage (5*) is bright ruby, fragrant and supple, with concentrated, ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours, fresh acidity and a very harmonious finish. Best drinking 2023+."* By Michael Cooper (Jan 2021)