

# QUARTZ REEF

## BENDIGO ESTATE

### PINOT GRIS 2018 - SINGLE VINEYARD



95/100 POINTS



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The Real Review (Sep 2019)

An alluring bouquet of white stone fruit, honey, wild fennel and nutmeg enhanced by a smooth lush texture with a rich yet dry finish. The perfect food wine. Ageing 3 – 5 years.

#### 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 steepeland soil with an elevation of 217 - 264 metres, on 44.55° south.

#### VINTAGE

We experienced an extraordinary summer resulting in the hottest growing season ever in Central Otago's modern history. Early flowering and ripening meant our normal six months of growing was condensed into a compact five months. February rain brought relief for the vines and enabled them to achieve physiological ripeness, and warmer than normal nights led to lower acidity. As a result harvest was brought forward to achieve optimum balance.

#### WINEMAKING

Hand-picked in ideal condition and ripeness on the 16th, 19th and 20th March. Whole bunch pressed, minimum settling followed by natural fermentation and aged on yeast lees for 10 months during which full malolactic fermentation occurred. Bottled on the 19th February 2019.

#### TECHNICAL

pH: 3.45, TA: 4.1g/l, Alc: 13.5%, RS: 2 g/l



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### REVIEWS

92  
POINTS

**92/100:** *"This has a very rich, fleshy and weighty feel with honeyed pear aromas and flavors taking center stage. The palate has a plush and attractive feel with glossy, brulee-like notes to close. Drink now."* By Nick Stock, [jamessuckling.com](http://jamessuckling.com), (Oct 2019)

93  
POINTS

**93/100:** *"Distinctive bouquet with a core of minerality and varietal fruit signatures. Apple and pear skin, sweet lemon and blossoms, a gentle white pepper spice. Dry on the palate with a core of fruit, adding a smooth satin texture. Abundant acidity, white spice and a floral mineral quality. Well made, decent finish, lots to like. Drink now and through 2022."* By Cameron Douglas MS (Sep 2019)

95  
POINTS  
★★★★★

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