

QUARTZ REEF

BENDIGO ESTATE

PINOT GRIS 2019 - SINGLE VINEYARD



95/100 POINTS



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The Real Review (Sep 2019)

Exhibiting flavours of ripe pear, peach and marzipan followed by a rich mouthfilling texture with notes of citrus and sweet cinnamon, dry with a mineral finish. 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

The season started with mild temperatures throughout Spring, an earlier than usual budburst and rainfall in late Nov/early Dec providing good levels of moisture. We were challenged with two severe cold fronts during budburst and flowering which despite frost fighting efforts resulted in a smaller crop. Warm and settled weather followed producing overall a hotter than usual growing season. With veraison starting in the last week of January, we began (to expect) yet another early harvest. The 2019 vintage impression is extremely good quality.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked in ideal condition and ripeness on the 29th March and 11th April. Whole bunch pressed, minimum settling followed by natural fermentation and aged on yeast lees for 8 months during which full malolactic fermentation occurred. Bottled on the 17th December 2019.

TECHNICAL

pH: 3.43, TA: 4.6g/l, Alc: 13.0%, RS: 1.7g/l



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REVIEWS

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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, jamesuckling.com, (Oct 2019)

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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)

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