

# ROCKBURN

CENTRAL OTAGO

## 'The Chosen' Pinot Noir 2018

Date Bottled: 12 March 2019



### VITICULTURE

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| Grape Variety & Clone: | Pinot Noir Clone 5                    |
| Training and Trellis:  | VSP                                   |
| Soils:                 | Pigburn shallow fine sandy loam       |
| Vineyard Location:     | Gibbston                              |
| Climate Comment:       | Very hot summer and damp cool autumn. |
| Harvest Date:          | 5 April 2019                          |
| Viticulturist Comment: | A very early season.                  |

### WINEMAKING

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| Winemaker:           | Malcolm Rees-Francis   |
| Fermentation:        | 7 tonne fermenter, 12% whole bunch inclusion, 7 days cold maceration; fermentation over 4 days with daily plunging followed by post fermentation maceration for 11 days.   |
| Barrel élevage:      | Barrel aging 10 months in French Oak – 15% new.  |
| Alcohol:             | 14.5%  |
| Titrateable Acidity: | 4.0g/L   |
| Residual Sugar:      | nil  |
| pH level:            | 4.13   |
| Vintage Comment:     | The earliest season ever seen in Central Otago, excellent ripeness achieved in Gibbston allowed for minimal handling of this wine, with sulphites being the only addition. |



### TASTING NOTES

Here at Rockburn we deal not only with fruit from our own exceptional sites, but also from select vineyards located around the many and varied sub-regions of Central Otago. Once-in-a-while the nuances of site and season conspire to generate fruit of exceptional character, far too interesting to blend away and we choose instead to bottle this as a single vineyard expression of terroir distinct from our estate bottlings. The Chosen Pinot Noir 2018 is sourced from a Gibbston vineyard, displays qualities of plum, blackcurrant and tea leaf, and features a plush texture and firm tannin length. As a vegan wine, it contains no animal fining products, which is a result of our commitment to minimal intervention when producing our exemplary Pinot Noirs. Crafted for immediate enjoyment, this is a rare single vineyard wine which is ready to drink now, or cellar if you choose!

### Awards and Accolades

**5 stars** – Wine State Oct Issue 2019. **4 stars** – The Real Review 2019, **5 stars/96 points** – Sam Kim/Wine Orbit July 2019, **5 stars** – Michael Cooper