



SINGLE VINEYARD  
PINOT NOIR

## 2021 Pinot Noir

ORIGIN	<i>Doctors Flat Vineyard, Bannockburn, Central Otago</i>
FARMER	<i>Steve Davies</i>
WINEMAKER	<i>Steve Davies</i>
NOSE	<i>Blackberry, bramble &amp; briar</i>
PALATE	<i>Dense, tense, savoury</i>

### VINEYARD AND FARMING

Planted in 2002, Doctors Flat is a single 3-hectare vineyard in Bannockburn. The schist subsoil was ground off the Cairnmuir Mountains by glacial ice and deposited here about 480,000 years ago.

The glacial action and millennia of weathering have generated an abundance of clay and fine silt in the vineyard gravel. We know soil texture drives wine texture and this vineyard produces Pinot Noir with density, fine tannin and great texture.

We farm organically to help grow and sustain soil biology. In turn the soil microflora harvest and transport nutrient and minerals to the vine. It's this connection between vineyard and vine that gives Doctors Flat Pinot Noir its character and sense of place.

### WINEMAKING

The winemaking is a simple programme of small open tanks, close attention, minimal inputs and a very light hand in the extraction process with only three punch downs.

In 2021 20% of the fruit went directly to tank as whole bunches. Fermentation occurred spontaneously and after 21 to 24 days on skins the wine was drained to French oak barrels (22% new). Malolactic was delayed until spring and SO<sub>2</sub> not added until late summer. After a full 12 months in barrel the wine was racked to tank for a second winter, then bottled 20 months after harvest.



### WINE DATA

Clones:	<i>Dijon 115, 777, 114</i>
Residual sugar:	<i>Nil</i>
Titrateable acidity:	<i>5.4g/L</i>
pH:	<i>3.65</i>
Alcohol:	<i>13.60%</i>
Harvest dates:	<i>6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021</i>
Brix in tank:	<i>24.1, 24.2, 24.2</i>
Bottled:	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022</i>
Production:	<i>770 dozen</i>
RRP:	<i>\$62.50</i>

# Doctors Flat

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