

‘RAZORBACK’

2015 SELECT VINEYARDS CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: SWDCD7447C9E

Winemakers Notes

‘Razorback’ is a word that evokes images of rugged peaks, and a harsh, but beautiful, landscape. That’s definitely true of the vineyard that we have sourced this wine from. It is grown in the Tussock Ridge Vineyard, on the north side of the Clutha River, in between Clyde and Alexandra. This wine is an assemblage of Clones 5, 115, 667 and 777. Hand harvested and then barrel aged for seven months (20% new). The wine came out of barrel at the start of March 2016, received a light fining and was bottled on 18 April 2016

Analysis

Alc 13.5% **Acid** 6.0g /L **Res Sugar** 2.3 g/L **pH** 3.63

Tasting Notes

Colour: Deeply coloured for a Pinot Noir, this wine has a red/purple core and a red rim.

Bouquet: High toned floral notes, red cherries, Black Doris plums, hints of tamarillo and a lovely background of subtle oak.

Palate: Full bodied for Pinot, with firm, yet fine grained tannins and masses of sweet fruit in the mid palate.

Cellaring

Already approachable, but we expect this wine to develop for a number of years.

Food Matches

Independent Reviewer’s Comment

“It is sweetly fragrant on the nose showing dark cherry, smoked game, toasted almond, truffle and warm spice aromas, followed by a flavoursome palate that is beautifully fruited and velvety. It is attractively expressed offering ripe fruit intensity together with seductive spicy/savoury nuances, elegantly framed by fine tannins.” Sam Kim

Awards

5 Stars/93 Points – Wine Orbit, March 2018