

‘RAZORBACK’

2016 SELECT VINEYARDS CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZW948FAAEB9

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 from the Rocky Point Vineyard at the southern end of Bendigo. This is a beautiful and perilously steep site overlooking Lake Dunstan. The fruit was hand harvested on 17th April and brought to Auckland in a refrigerated truck and trailer unit. After ferment and MLF, the wine went to barrel until June 2017. Apart from topping, the wine was untouched during this time. The wine was bottled on 16th November 2017.

Analysis

Alc 14.5% **Acid** 5.9g/L **Res Sugar** 2.9g/L **pH** 3.75

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

“The complex bouquet shows dark cherry, cranberry, smoked game, thyme and black olive aromas, followed by a beautifully weighted palate that offers excellent depth of flavour and intensity, while remaining elegant and firmly structured by plenty of polished tannins. Sweetly fruited and richly savoury at the same time, finishing persistent and engaging.” Sam Kim

Awards

93 Points/5 Stars – Wine Orbit, July 2018