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**MYSTERIOUS DIGGINGS  
PINOT NOIR**



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**VINTAGE:** 2015

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**APPELLATION:**  
Bannockburn, Central Otago

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**VINEYARD:**  
Mysterious Diggings

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**VARIETALS:**  
Pinot Noir

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**ALCOHOL:**  
13%

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**RESIDUAL SUGAR:**  
<1 g/l

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**pH:**  
3.64

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**TA:**  
5.3 g/l

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**RELEASE DATE:**  
1 September 2016

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**TASTING NOTE:**

The 2015 Mysterious Diggings Pinot Noir is a classic example of a Pinot Noir made from a stunning vineyard and with a philosophy focused on provenance and terroir. The nose is fragrant and engaging with rustic red fruit and wild thyme. The now 16 year old vines combine with the sandier soils and higher elevation of the Mysterious Diggings vineyard to produce exceptional fruit with both depth of flavour and superb length. Silky tannins are reflective of the warm, dry summer and the balance and elegance speak of the lighter soils.

**CELLARING:** The 2015 vintage is instantly approachable and harmonious, possessing a textural elegance and seamless finish. Cellar 1-6 years

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**VINEYARD:**

Planted on a high, rocky outcrop, the Mysterious Diggings vineyard is one of the highest vineyards in Bannockburn. With high elevation, steep slopes, multiple clones, original rootstock and gravel soils, it consistently produces elegant wines that are accessible and delicious at a young age. This mature vineyard was planted in 1999 with five different clones on their own roots.

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**VINTAGE:**

The 2015 Bannockburn season was one of the driest on record with only 115mm of rain, creating perfect growing conditions. These ideal conditions, led to small berries and low yields, with an exceptionally concentrated body of fruit on all Terra Sancta vineyards the result. The heat and yields led to a distinctive spice note from the skins.

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**VINIFICATION:**

Mysterious Diggings Pinot Noir is handled very gently in the winery to ensure the primary fruit flavors are preserved. Ageing in French oak barrels provides the wine with more structure and an inviting texture. The quality and purity of the fruit is reflected in this wine being bottled both unfinned and unfiltered.

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**FOOD & WINE:**

The concentrated fruit and elegant texture of this Pinot Noir lends it to lighter meat dishes such as a pulled pork or a beetroot and lamb salad.

