
**MYSTERIOUS DIGGINGS
PINOT NOIR**



VINTAGE: 2014

APPELLATION:
Bannockburn, Central Otago

VINEYARD:
The Diggings

VARIETALS:
Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL:
13%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
<1 g/l

pH:
3.61

TA:
5.3 g/l

RELEASE DATE:
1 January 2015

TASTING NOTE:

This vibrant Pinot Noir comes entirely from The Diggings vineyard, overlooking the picturesque Bannockburn inlet. Aromas of blackcurrant and violet are reminiscent of the surrounding hills and give the wine a real sense of provenance. Bright red fruits reflect the warm still spring and the minerality echos the lighter sandy soils and higher elevation of this stunning vineyard. Freshness and concentration are supported by a silky texture and chalky tannins.

CELLARING: 1-6 years

VINEYARD NOTE:

The sloping Diggings vineyard is planted on a high, rocky outcrop and is one of the highest vineyards in Bannockburn. With its elevation higher than the Terra Sancta Estate and with soils characterized by relatively more gravels and sandy loam than Terra Sancta, The Diggings produces wines of a more delicate weight, that are accessible earlier. This mature vineyard was planted in 1999 with five different clones on their own roots.

HARVEST NOTE:

The 2014 season was noteworthy for its warmth and stillness. These ideal conditions, combined with the higher elevation of The Diggings, have produced a wine bursting with bright red fruits. January and February were dry and warm, ensuring even ripeness and a purity of varietal expression. The energy and vibrancy of the wine is a true reflection of an excellent growing season. The fruit was hand picked on 28 March with balanced acidity and naturally low sugars.

VINIFICATION NOTE:

Mysterious Diggings Pinot Noir is handled very gently in the winery to ensure the primary fruit flavors are preserved. Less time on skins sees a wine with smooth tannins and an elegant finish. Ageing in older French oak barrels provides the wine a touch more structure and an inviting texture. The purity of the fruit is reflected in this wine being bottled both unfinned and unfiltered.