
TERRA SANCTA
MYSTERIOUS DIGGINGS
PINOT NOIR



VINTAGE: 2017

APPELLATION:
Bannockburn, Central Otago

VINEYARD:
Mysterious Diggings

VARIETALS:
Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL:
13%

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
<1 g/l

pH:
3.7

TA:
5.6 g/l

RELEASE DATE:
July 2018

CELLAR: Instantly approachable. Drink now or cellar 1-5 years.

TASTING NOTE

Quality of vintage and maturity of vines are expressed in an exceptional Mysterious Diggings Pinot Noir of intensity, concentration and surprising structure. Vibrant and engaging on the nose, the palate is layered with raspberries, blackberries and baking spices. With fine boned tannins and generous length, it manages to be both serious and delicious.

VINEYARD

The Mysterious Diggings vineyard, planted in 1999 with six different clones, is one of the highest altitude vineyards in Bannockburn at 300 metres above sea level. The combination of elevation, northern aspect, steep slopes, multiple clones, original rootstock and sandy soils, consistently produces Pinot Noir that is brightly fruited, accessible and delicious at a young age.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage is a story of extraordinarily low yields and exceptionally high quality - our Pinot Noir vines producing 50% less than our historical average. Leading to this was a year of very unusual weather patterns - a warm winter, a cold spring, an early summer, very few days of intense heat and a perfect harvest period unhindered by the storms experienced across the rest of New Zealand. This all combined to produce fruit with incredible depth and concentration, truly evident in the 2017 Mysterious Diggings Pinot Noir.

VINIFICATION

Minimal intervention in the winery is intended to showcase both vineyard and vintage in this Pinot Noir. Early picking and gentle handling are two keys to achieving this goal. Ageing in neutral French oak barrels provides additional texture and inviting spice on the finish.

FOOD & WINE

A great way to start the night, enjoy accompanied by paté or terrine, or given the concentration and sophistication of the 2017 vintage, pair with mid-winter game like seared venison fillet.