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**TERRA SANCTA**  
**MYSTERIOUS DIGGINGS**  
**PINOT NOIR**



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**VINTAGE:** 2020

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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:** 3.57

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**TA:** 8.15 g/l

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**CELLAR:** Instantly approachable. Drink now or cellar 1-6 years.

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**TASTING NOTE**

Raspberry, cherry and bramble fruits with hints of rosemary and thyme on the nose, lead to a palate of bright red fruits with clove and licorice and cocoa. Supple and fleshy, it has fine tannins, talc-like texture and a grippy intensity. Unified by a line of fresh acidity from front to back, it finishes with oodles of dark cherry and spice.

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**VINEYARD**

The Mysterious Diggings vineyard, planted in 1999 with six different clones, is one of the highest altitude vineyards in Bannockburn, Central Otago at 300 metres ASL. 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.

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**VINTAGE**

By far the most difficult harvest in memory due to the pandemic induced Level 4 Lockdown initiated 4 days prior to Terra Sancta's harvest, our 2020 wines are testament to the resilience of both people and vines grown in our special part of the world. A cold season pushed our harvest out later than normal, with longer *time on the vine* needed to get acids and phenolic (flavor) ripeness to where we wanted them. Our 2020 Pinot Noirs are showing grippy intensity, concentration and flavours in the darker fruit and spice spectrum.

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**VINIFICATION**

Minimal intervention in the winery is intended to showcase both vineyard and vintage in this Pinot Noir. Early picking by hand 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. This wine was bottled at Terra Sancta.

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**FOOD & WINE**

The darker fruit profile of the 2020 vintage lends itself well to complimenting a smorgasbord of bar-b-que'd protein including steak, chicken thighs, and pork sausages. Also great with bar-b-que'd salmon.