



## Mason Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015

### winemakers comments:

The Mason Vineyard Pinot Noir is a single vineyard wine grown on the Mason vineyard in the Parkburn sub-region of the Cromwell Basin. It is a unique and captivating site on a north facing frost free slope. The wine is predominantly made up of a parcel of Abel clone Pinot Noir that grows on a steep north facing ridge within the block. We favour the grapes that grow there because the vines seem to struggle more than the rest of the block and the fruit that is produced has smaller bunches and more intense flavours as a result. It is very spicy and the fruit is elegant and sinewy on the palate. We also pick at the same time a smaller amount of clone 777 & 667 on the gentler slope directly below the Abel. This parcel gives the wine good tannin structure and fruit weight.

### wine notes:

An enticing perfume of exotic spice, crushed herbs and sweet red fruits evolves to more complex mineral and earthy notes. There is excellent weight and texture in the mouth featuring an array of red fruit and savoury herbal flavours, along with a sinewy tannin structure that all burst onto the clearly presented mineral notes at the back of the palate to deliver a long flavoursome finish.

**harvest:** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

Brix: 23.5

pH: 3.41

TA: 7.8g/L

**in bottle:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

pH: 3.61

TA: 5.5g/L

Alc. 13.9%



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