



## CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2018



Central Otago, New Zealand  
Alc. 14.4% pH 3.82 T/A 4.4  
Aging: 10 months in French oak  
Cellaring Potential: 3-5 years

### OUR STORY

According to local legend, Roaring Meg was a high spirited young woman who capitalized on the Central Otago gold rush of the 1860's. Such was Meg's impact that a nearby turbulent stream, power station, and our stylish, fruit-driven wines all bear her name: a celebration of the Central Otago's rugged, bold, and utterly unforgettable beauty.

### CENTRAL OTAGO

One of the world's southernmost winegrowing regions, Central Otago is New Zealand's only region with a semi-continental climate. Extreme seasonal and diurnal temperature variations yield consistently generous, ripe and beautifully balanced Pinot Noir. The grapes for the 2018 Pinot Noir come from Cromwell Basin vineyards managed by our viticultural team.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2018 was warmer in Central Otago, even though the season had a distinctly cool bend to it. A warm, wet spring kicked off the growing season in style with very early bud-burst. Just as we were entering into flowering, the weather got very cool, which resulted in lower than average yields. Harvest began on March 7 and finished up April 7.

### WINEMAKING

The majority of the fruit was destemmed to enhance the natural characters of the Cromwell Basin, with a small amount of whole-cluster fruit blended in for added texture and structure. Fermentation lasted an average of 19-21 days, during which time the berries and juice were punched down once per day. The wine was aged sur-lie for 10 months in French oak barrels before being filtered and bottled (unfined) that summer.

*"Wild raspberry and red cherry characters dominate while soft, sweet brown spice characters add in detail. Savoury red cherry notes lead the wine onto the palate; the wine flows with good texture. Fine, elegant tannins rise out of the mid-palate and wild raspberry notes drive the finish with fine acidity."*

Matt Dicey, Winemaker

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