

Rippon 'Rippon' Mature Vine Pinot Noir 2016

The Story

One of the viticultural pioneers of Central Otago, Rippon produces premium quality estate grown wines from their vineyards on the shores of Lake Wanaka. The property is cared for as a dynamic and diverse whole, fostering wines that truly reflect their dreamscape surroundings.

The Vineyard

Rippon, the western board of Roy's Bay, Lake Wanaka. Rippon's north-facing escarpment forms the meeting point of terminal moraines and coarse gravels; all based in schist. Rippon, a wine issued from all of the fully developed Pinot Noir vines, is considered the farm voice of this distinct parcel of land.

Winemaking

Picked by hand. This wine represents many small parcels of different clones, vine ages and micro-sites within a single Vineyard: Rippon. They were picked and fermented separately in 13, 2-tonne stainless-steel fermenter. Each parcel is fermented and matured apart before blending. The winery's resident yeast population (non-inoculated) started fermenting on the 7th-9th day of cuvaion. The ferments reached maximum temperatures of 15-30°C. 16-28 days of skin contact. 12 months of new (24%) to 4-year-old French oak barrels. The malolactic fermentation went through unaided (non-inoculated) in springtime; it was then racked back into barrel and allowed a second winter in barrel before being run directly into bottle without filtering or fining.

Tasting Note

Julia Harding:

"Bright cherry red. Delicate rocky/mineral aroma and plenty of dusty dark-red fruit. Wild herbs but not thyme. So fragrant. On the palate, that rocky dark-red fruit perfectly mirrored. Very fine texture. Coming back to taste this again after the two single-block 2014s, this seems a little more delicate. The tannins finer and more supple. Very elegant and refined. Tinker's Block has more mass but this has more elegance."

Alcohol Percentage	13.5 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	6 g/L
Aging Potential	10+ years



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