

## Mondillo Bella Reserve Pinot Noir 2017

### The story

Passion for his vineyard, an inherent love of the environment, and a desire to produce exquisite wines year after year.... these are the driving forces behind Domenic Mondillo. Italian born, Domenic Mondillo was chef/owner of two multi-award-winning restaurants in Queenstown, before re-training in Viticulture and Oenology in 1992, and becoming instrumental in the growth and development of the Central Otago wine industry. Developing the Mondillo brand in 2001, this small, handcrafted single estate vineyard is located 80kms from Queenstown, at Bendigo. Mondillo Vineyards is a 22-hectare (56 acres) property that specialises in elegant Pinot Noir, dry-style Riesling, Rosé and Late Harvest 'Nina' dessert wine. Domenic Mondillo is driven to produce distinctive, memorable wines. He derives much pleasure in knowing that those drinking wine from Mondillo Vineyards will enjoy the taste of Central Otago in a glass of Mondillo wine. Mondillo Wines 'Some secrets are meant to be shared'. Salute, Enjoy!

### The Vineyard

Mondillo is a single vineyard at Bendigo, a sub-region of Central Otago, that was developed and planted in 2001. The vineyard landscape is made up of three terraces consisting of free-draining alluvial soils. The vineyard is meticulously managed to produce low yielding, high quality, concentrated fruit. Mondillo fruit is hand harvested when the fruit is at its physiological ripeness ensuring the optimum flavors are captured with a true reflection of terroir.

### Vintage 2017

The 2017 Bendigo growing season started with warm and calm conditions, which continued during flowering and throughout the summer. 2017 in Central Otago produced a low yielding vintage, with excellent fruit concentration and ripe flavors.

### Winemaking

Pinot Noir is produced with a combination of Pommard and Dijon clones, each of which were fermented individually. The fruit was 100% de-stemmed followed by a long cold maceration, fermented in open top fermenters, followed by a post fermentation maceration, pressed and put to barrel using 100% French Oak.

The Bella Reserve is a selection of clones from specific parts of the vineyard that were hand harvested and matured for 19 months in one-year old French oak barriques. A velvety Pinot Noir with grace and elegance, the Bella Reserve is deeply colored, with concentrated fruit purity and power-excellent cellaring potential.



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**Tasting Note**

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<b>Alcohol Percentage</b>	<b>14.5 %</b>
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<b>Dry</b>
<b>T.A.</b>	
<b>Aging Potential</b>	<b>12+ years</b>



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