

## Mondillo Pinot Noir 2016

### 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 flavours are captured with a true reflection of terroir.

### Vintage 2016

The 2016 Bendigo growing season began with warm weather and light summer breezes that provided a disease free environment for perfect flowering, an even berry set, and clean fruit. A warm summer lead to a dry sunny Autumn - harvest conditions were dry and calm.

### Winemaking

The Pinot Noir is produced with a combination of Pommard and Dijon clones, each of which were fermented individually. The fruit was hand harvested, 100% de-stemmed followed by a long cold maceration, fermented slowly and gently pressed. It has been aged in French oak barriques, of which 30% were new for 11 months.



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**Tasting Note**

Full-bodied with ripe dark cherry aromas and a concentrated core of berry fruits. The seductively smooth palate packed with fragrant spices, blackberries, chocolate, violets and soft oak.

<b>Alcohol Percentage</b>	<b>14.5 %</b>
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<b>Dry</b>
<b>T.A.</b>	
<b>Aging Potential</b>	<b>7+ years</b>



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