

Kolo Pinot Noir

2019 | BANNOCKBURN

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The world's most majestic eagle once hunted the skies over Bannockburn and our Felton Terrace Vineyard. Local legend tells of a young warrior named Kolo who protected his family from a Pouakai—Haast Eagle. The tale speaks of courage and freedom—two traits that capture the spirit of our region and this Pinot Noir. From old vines planted in ancient schist soils battling extreme desert alpine conditions, Kolo is a single site wine of great energy, tension and complexity.

Vintage Notes

Characteristically unpredictable Central Otago growing conditions bookended by frost events. Overall, a cool, settled season with good rainfall resulting in long, gentle development of flavour and physiological ripeness. Budburst, flowering and fruit set all right on schedule this year for our cool climate region.

Grower Degree Days: 1,100 GDD

Rainfall: 426 ml Oct-April

Winemakers Notes

This Pinot Noir showcases deep, dark, brooding fruit with prominent notes of Black Doris plum and wild bramble berries. The nose is enriched with cinnamon bark and clove spice, while the palate reveals flavours of poached tamarillo and blackberry, balanced by fresh acidity. Hints of nasturtium add a unique touch. The wine features silky, well-integrated tannins, contributing to its concentration and intensity. The depth of flavour is remarkable, with a savoury finish.

Technical Notes

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir (clones 777, 667 and 114)

Vineyard: Felton Terraces

Aspect: north west

Row orientation: east/west

Soil: young alluvial, schist-based sandy silt and loams overlaying schist rock

Elevation: 240m

Vine age: 24 years

Trellis system & pruning: VSP, spur

Vinification

Hand-picked, cold soaked for 3 days then warmed naturally for fermentation. 20 days on skins, pressed into French oak barrels (30% new). Aged in barrels for 22 months before blending and bottling.

Savoury
Dark Fruit
Structured



Vineyard/s	Harvest Date	Bottling Date	Qty Bottled	Clones	Alc	TA	pH	Residual Sugar
<i>Felton Terraces</i>	<i>31 March 2019</i>	<i>9 March 2021</i>	<i>172 x 96 cases</i>	<i>777, 667, 114</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>0 g/l</i>

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