

AKITU, CENTRAL OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND

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AKITU 'A2' PINOT NOIR

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DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

Established in 2001 and set in the heart of Central Otago's Upper Clutha basin, Akitu's 12-hectare vineyard sits alone at 380 metres above sea level on a stunning north facing slope. Set just minutes from Lake Wanaka the semi-continental climate, with high sunshine hours, hot summers and dry autumns help to create wines of amazing fruit purity and complexity. The vineyard is entirely dedicated to Pinot Noir, block planted in 6 sections on 250-million-year-old schist soils. 35% of the fruit was whole bunch pressed with the balance pressed as whole berry. Ageing took place in French oak, 7% of which was new. The harvest for Akitu 'A2' commenced on 12th April and was completed by 16th April 2019. Bottling took place on 19th March 2020. The 2019 'A2' is made up from 45% 777, 32% 115 and 23% 667.

TASTING NOTES

Dark garnet with a crimson glow. The aroma opens with spicy dark cherry and a hint of fresh cinnamon over thyme and a wonderful waft of dark liquorice. There is a lift of graphite on the nose with depth coming from dark rose petal and a hint of violet. Excellent depth and complexity while showing opulent fruit density. Rich and generous dark cherry fruit entry opening to an expansive and plush texture with layers of spice and subtle earthy notes. The tannin is enveloped in a silk cushion of fruit fullness and reassuring weight. This wine finishes with a fine beam of acidity which brings freshness and vibrance as well as an almost infinite length.

HOW TO SERVE

Drinking well now but it won't disappoint with 5 years in the cellar. Pair with Peking Duck Pancakes, BBQ Duck, Panang Duck curry, Duck a l'Orange or Confit Duck.

"THIS IS SERIOUSLY DRINKABLE, BUT HAS A SERIOUS SIDE. LOVELY FLORAL CHERRY FRUIT WITH SOME HINTS OF PEPPER AND SOME AUTUMN LEAVES ON THE NOSE. THE PALATE IS FRESH AND SUPPLE WITH A TOUCH OF SPICY, PEPPERY BITE AS WELL AS TEXTURED, SILKY, ALMOST FLESHY BLACK CHERRY FRUIT, FINISHING WITH A SUBTLY SAVOURY CURED MEAT CHARACTER AND SOME STRAWBERRY SWEETNESS, AS WELL AS FINE LEAFY HINTS. LOTS OF INTEREST HERE, WITH NICE FRESHNESS. IT DELIVERS PURE PLEASURE, WITH AN INTELLECTUAL TWIST." 94 POINTS

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VINTAGE 2019
STYLE Red
BLEND OF GRAPES Pinot Noir
WINEMAKER PJ Charteris
ALCOHOL 13.6%

