

Chard Farm

CENTRAL OTAGO

Viper Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021

winemakers comments:

Viper Vineyard Pinot Noir is made from grapes grown in the Grandstand Block of the Viper Vineyard in the Parkburn area on the western side of Lake Dunstan. The vineyard takes its name from the wildflower "Vipers Bugloss" that covers the area. This vineyard sits on an undulating terrace above the valley floor. The soils are predominantly sandy loam over red clay cemented schist gravel. The terrace enjoys moderate temperatures and a long growing season. Ripening tends to be late into the season as the daytime temperatures are cooling. The cooler ripening tends to produce spicy wines with dark fruit flavours and density on the palate. The Viper is always made from the Grandstand block in the vineyard, and the wine always stands out as uniquely in the cellar as it does in the bottle.

wine description:

An aromatic and punchy perfume of red cherry, pomegranate and delicate fresh florals layered over subtle undergrowth captures the essence of Pinot Noir. Fresh red fruits and herbal tones lay on a bed of silky tannin that evolves into a fine, sustained finish. There is a pronounced mineral character and pleasant acidity which creates a harmony that is assured and invigorating.

harvest: 30th March 2021 in bottle: 16th February 2023

Brix: 23.0

pH: 3.68

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TA: 5.3g/L

TA: 6.9g/L

Alc: 13.4%

