

McArthur Ridge  
ALEXANDRA - CENTRAL OTAGO



## BRASSKNOCKER | CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR | 2022

geographic indication: ..... Alexandra – Central Otago

topography: Rolling Glacial Moraines aspect: Northeast

rainfall: 360mm soils: Brassknocker Alluvial Gravels

altitude: 200-300 meters country: New Zealand

grape: 100% PINOT NOIR vintage: 2022

Alc/Vol: 14.0% TA: 6.4 g/L pH: 3.7

name: Brassknocker is the name given to the unique soils found at the McArthur Ridge vineyard, sited on expansive ancient glacial moraine terraces in Alexandra Central Otago.

vineyard: Located in the heart of this unforgiving mountainous region Central Otago sits the expansive vineyard of McArthur Ridge. The cool climate and gently sloping Brassknocker soils combine to deliver what some consider to be amongst the best vineyards in the world for growing Pinot Noir. Optimal vineyard management and diligence allows for our grape harvest at peak flavour potential.

winemaking: Each individual vineyard parcel is harvested separately then de-stemmed prior to 5 days cold soak in 5 to 10 tonne fermenters to build colour and aromatics. Fermentation took place using wild yeast for some cuvee and others were inoculated with selected burgundy yeast to enhance clonal differences in the fruit. Gentle daily plunging of the skins for an average of 21 days to extract a soft, complex structure, followed by extended skin maceration for three weeks post ferment to integrate and soften the tannins. The wine was pressed, racked to barrels and tanks for malolactic fermentation, received 50% oak aged for 9 months in seasoned French oak, 10% new, the balance aged with staves in tank. The wine was blended in Late October and filtered before being bottled. This lightly oaked style intentionally champions exceptional fruit with freshness in style. The clonal selection is wide which provided the benefit of complexity while delivering instant gratification.

wine: Richly aromatic and complex, showing floral, ripe cherry, oak spice, and mocha notes on the nose. The palate is succulent with rich red berry notes and fine tannins. The wine is supported by fine acidity and finishes with a long and balanced persistency.

Best drunk 2023 to 2029.

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