

McArthur Ridge
ALEXANDRA - CENTRAL OTAGO



THE 'McARTHUR'

ALEXANDRA | PINOT NOIR | 2020



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: 2020

Alc/Vol: 14.0% TA: 6.5 g/L pH: 3.61

name: Around 1870 James McArthur arrived in the Waikerikeri Valley and settled at the end of what is now known as McArthur Road in Strathclyde, on the outskirts of Alexandra. At the time this land was a desert until a source of pristine glacial fed water was found which enabled the McArthur dream to develop a vineyard recognized for its exceptional wines around the world!

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

winemaking: Each parcel of grapes has been hand-picked, 100% destemmed, 5-day cold soak to build colour and aromatic intensity. The wine was fermented in small 1 tonne fermenters and took place using a mix of wild and selected burgundy inoculated yeast to enhance clonal differences in the fruit. Fermentation lasted an average of 21 days before being pressed, settled, then racked to barrels. Oak treatment - 12 months in 100% French Burgundy barrique of 225lt, 28% new, with the balance 1,2&3, year old seasoned wood from a selection of Coopers: Damy, Saury, Mercurey, François Frères. Malolactic fermentation occurred in spring prior to the wine being blended, filtered and bottled. Key points of difference for the McArthur include; the best fruit, lowest cropping at 5t/ha, oldest vines age: 22 years, oak treatment is higher percentage of new oak and selected clones, 5, Abel and 777.

wine: Dark crimson in colour, this wine is brooding with a rich, bold, and powerful bouquet of savoury red berry fruit, aromas of sweet raspberries, framboise liqueur and sweet vanilla. Lush, juicy, and very appealing savoury tannins give the wine great texture.

Best drunk 2022 to 2031.

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