

Valli Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2018

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Viticulture

Location: Hall Road, Bannockburn, Central Otago

Climate: Semi-Continental

Altitude: 350m

Clones: 777, 115, UCD 5, 10x5, 113, 13

Soils: Wind-blown Loess over schist bedrock.

Deep, moderately sandy, and free-draining.

GDD: 1267

Rainfall: Approximately 450 mm per Annum

Vine Age: Planted 2000

Yield: 6 Tonnes / Hectare Vine Density: 3,500 / Hectare

Trellis System: VSP

Winemaking

Harvest Date: 20, 27, 29th March 2018

Brix: 23.7
Whole Bunch: 30%
Peak Fermentation Temp: 33°C
Cuvaison: 23 Days
Oak Percentages: New 30%
Time in Barrel: 11 Months

Coopers Used: Ana Selection, Sylvain, Billon

Fining: None
Filtering: None
Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Bottles Produced: 8,675

Tasting Note

This incredibly fragrant and elegant wine is from our cooler site in Bannockburn in a warmer growing season resulting in a highly energetic wine with great flow and incredible layers of red and black fruit, baking spice and earth. The aromas are both intriguing and complex: fresh berry, lilac, baking spice and wild thyme. The palate is long and bright with cherry, raspberry, beautiful florals and cardamom. Silky fine tannins compliment the vibrant acidity, giving the wine length and memory. This wine is drinking beautifully at release and will continue to do so for at least a decade.