

2020 INNOCENT BYSTANDER

CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR



WINEMAKER: Joel Tilbrook
REGION: Central Otago, New Zealand
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
MATURATION: 11 months in 100% French oak barriques (10% new)
ALCOHOL: 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 5.9 g/L | pH: 3.64

VINTAGE: Some of the region suffered from frost on the 12th and 13th October with three frosts in a row at the end of vintage. Some locals say that vintage conditions appear to be becoming increasingly diverse from year to year. The 2019 vintage will produce wines somewhere between the concentrated 2017 vintage and the lighter 2018.

WINEMAKING: Fruit was sourced from vineyards in Wanaka, Lowburn, Bendigo and Queensbury, up and down Central Otago, to achieve perfumed aromatics as well as the characteristic plummy juicy density that typifies this area. 20% of the grapes were kept as whole bunches and juice was added to partially submerge those bunches. The fermenters were then covered, immersed with carbon dioxide and left to cold macerate until fermentation by indigenous yeasts began. After fermentation the wine spent 11 months in barrel for natural settling and was bottled without filtration or fining.

TASTING NOTES: A vibrant bouquet loaded with red and blue fruits, savory spices, and dried flowers. The palate delivers juicy black cherry and wild black berry flavors with an intriguing earthy undertone. The wine has a lovely weight and texture with polished, structured tannins and vibrant natural acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT INNOCENT BYSTANDER: Innocent Bystander has forged a reputation for delivering some of the Yarra Valley's most consistent, over-performing, affordable, varietal wines. Using 100% hand-picked fruit and non-intervention winemaking techniques these wines reflect Victoria's cool climate, soil and topography. In 2014, experienced vigneron Phil Sexton extended this philosophy across the Tasman Sea to New Zealand adding two new cool climate regions - Central Otago and Marlborough - to Innocent Bystander's portfolio.



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