

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: An average spring with some frost and hail, but nothing to impact quality. Generally a cool and wet season, but a nice heat up in November brought ripeness along, with a nice, balanced acidity. A smaller vintage, but with good quality.

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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