



# MUD HOUSE

NEW ZEALAND

SINGLE VINEYARD

A TRUE EXPRESSION OF THE VINTAGE AND THE VINEYARD



## PINOT NOIR 2017

CLAIM 431 VINEYARD, CENTRAL OTAGO

### COLOUR

Deep ruby red

### NOSE

Layers of dark berry and rich cherry meld with sweet florals and warm oak spice.

### PALATE

An elegant and complex palate rests on distinctive cool climate acidity and ripe concentrated red fruits. Subtle spice, finely tuned tannins and velvety textures extend the length and finish.

### THE VINEYARD

All the fruit was sourced solely from our Claim 431 Vineyard in Bendigo, Central Otago. Free draining loam soils over schist gravel makes this sub-region a natural home for growing outstanding Pinot Noir. The huge diurnal (day/night) temperature shifts which are typical of the region, add to the structure and increased flavour concentration in the fruit.

### COMMENTS

When the grapes for this Pinot Noir reached optimal ripeness they were hand harvested and gently destemmed. After a week long cold soak, each parcel was fermented using indigenous yeast and hand plunged to extract vibrant colour, flavour and delicate tannin structure. The wine was then separately pressed into a mix of new and old French oak barrels to mature for 12 months. Natural malolactic fermentation began at the beginning of spring. The wine was bottled on 6 March 2018.

### CLONES

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### SEASON CONDITIONS

The 2017 vintage in Bendigo was a great season for fresh, vibrant and elegant Pinot Noir. The growing season was warm and long, allowing the fruit to ripen at a gentle pace. A moderate crop resulted in wine of elegance, vibrancy and poise.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13.5%
Acidity (TA)	5.9 g/L
pH:	3.58 g/L

### CELLARING

Ready to drink now. Cellar up to eight years.

### SERVE

At room temperature.

### SUGGESTED FOOD MATCH

Rich roast duck or lamb will complement this Pinot Noir beautifully.

### WINEMAKER

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### NO. OF CASES

6,600 6 packs.

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