



MUD HOUSE

NEW ZEALAND

SINGLE VINEYARD

A TRUE EXPRESSION OF THE VINTAGE AND THE VINEYARD



PINOT NOIR 2016

CLAIM 431 VINEYARD, CENTRAL OTAGO

COLOUR

Ruby red.

NOSE

Dark berries and ripe cherries combine with sweet florals. An underlying elegant oak and spicy savoury spice.

PALATE

A generous and layered palate is woven with elegant and textured dark fruit tannins and integrated woodspice notes. A backbone of classic Bendigo acidity helps to balance and maintain vibrancy in the finish.

REGION

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 increase flavour concentration in the fruit.

COMMENTS

When the grapes for this Pinot Noir reached optimal ripeness they were hand harvested then 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 31 March 2017.

CLONES

777, 115.

SEASON CONDITIONS

2016 vintage started well with warm weather during flowering, ensuring a well-balanced crop. The following warm and extended summer allowed the fruit to ripen evenly and created ripe fruit flavours and acid. This vintage offers an approachable wine with a generous palate.

MATURITY

100% French Oak; 20% new.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13%
Acidity (TA)	5.75g/L
pH:	3.54g/L

CELLARING

Ready to drink now. Cellar up to eight years.

SERVE

At room temperature.

SUGGESTED FOOD MATCH

Juicy and succulent red meats such as duck, venison or lamb with a light flavoursome jus will pair beautifully with this Pinot Noir.

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NO. OF CASES

4,400 6 packs.

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