

Grasshopper Rock

C E N T R A L O T A G O

Earnscleugh Vineyard

2022

100% Grown, made & bottled in Central Otago

100% Earnscleugh Vineyard Pinot Noir
Aged 10 months in French Oak Barriques, 28% new. Followed by 18+ months bottle aging.

Harvest date:
10 - 15 April 2022

Vintage: 2022 harvest was one of the easiest for many years with no weather pressure and perfectly clean and ripe Pinot Noir grapes. The vintage was slightly warmer than average. 972 growing degree days versus our average of 942. During flowering in December, cloudier and wetter than normal weather caused temperatures to drop and there was reduced flower germination. The poorer fruit set meant less berries per bunch and more open bunches when it came to ripening which was a good thing. March and April were outstanding months of perfect weather for ripening and harvesting Pinot Noir by hand. Average bunch weights were 99g versus longterm average 105g.

Winemaker tasting note: Dark purple with garnet hues. Perfumed with violets, blackberries, strawberry, hints of spice, chocolate and dried herb. A full silky entry with dark plum, dark cherry, florals and forest floor notes. Concentrated and complex with good minerality, ample fine-grained tannins and a persistent finish. Firm acid backbone which melds well with the dark fruit profile.

4.5
stars

Mouthfilling and supple, it is a very graceful, strongly varietal red, with good concentration of cherry, plum, spice and herb flavours, gently seasoned with nutty oak, and a sense of youthful vigour. Already drinking well, it's age-worthy too. August 2024 Michael Cooper

94
points

Fragrant pinot noir with floral/rose petal and berry flavours that contrasts with a structure of fine, sappy tannins. Although the wine is relatively light-bodied the tannic backbone suggests that it has good cellaring potential. August 2024. Bob Campbell MW The Real Review

