



## GIBBSTON SINGLE VINEYARD LE MAITRE PINOT NOIR

*Le Maitre is grown from mature vines, planted by Alan Brady in the early 1980's. It is a low production wine made from this historic dry farmed, organic vineyard.*

### SINGLE VINEYARD RANGE

Drawing from Gibbston Valley's most intriguing vineyards, the Single Vineyard range gives full voice to site.

### 2015 CENTRAL OTAGO GROWING SEASON

After a very cool spring, flowering in December happened quickly, with lighter yields. Dry, warm conditions through January lead to healthy and even ripening of smaller than average bunches. Sporadic rainfall in February ensured good soil moisture. By March, ripening was progressing as normal with perfect brix levels and slightly higher acid levels. Fruit was harvested clean, with a fine mineral crispness and excellent concentration. The vintage, lighter than normal, shows clear distinction of site and sub region.

### VINEYARD

Le Maitre comes from Gibbston Valley's original Home Block vineyard at the western entry to Gibbston. The vineyard is not irrigated, and has BioGro Organic certification. Soil is shallow loess over a mix of schist and gravel. The vines have a natural balance born from age and a deep root profile. The sub regional influence of Gibbston gives the wine transparency and elegance.

### WINEMAKING DETAILS

Picked in the third week of April, the fruit was intense and clean with good flavours. The fermentation was simple - an indigenous ferment with no whole cluster used. Once pressed, the wine spent 11 months in French oak, 36% new, with natural spring MLF. The wine was racked into tank, then bottled with no filtration, fining or cold stabilising.

### AROMA AND PALATE

Delightful in all ways; le Maitre has a charming red appearance, and a lovely nose with delicate cherry and floral tones. The palate is finely balanced; its tender yet spirited fruit surges through the palate. Beautifully balanced extraction, natural acidity, and hints of savoury oak give counterpoint. A delicate, long and beautiful Pinot expression.

### CELLARING

The 2015 Le Maitre is wonderful drinking now, and will likely peak in 5 years.

## CENTRAL OTAGO HANDCRAFTED WINES

### HARVEST DETAILS

#### CLONE

10-5

#### VINEYARD

Home Block

#### SOIL

Shallow loess over schist and gravel/l schist.

#### HARVEST DATE

17/04/2015

#### BRIX

22.5

#### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

8.50 g/l

#### PH

3.22

### WINE ANALYSIS

#### ALCOHOL

13%

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

0g/l

#### TITRATABLE ACIDITY

5.40 g/l

#### PH

3.70