

kids block pinot noir 2014

CENTRAL OTAGO

All the hallmarks of the Mt Maude Vineyard Pinot Noirs, beautifully scented with violets, dark cherry, bramble and dried herb aromas. Medium – full bodied with layers of dark fruits and fine tannins.

Sarah-Kate & Dan Dineen - Winemakers

VINTAGE SUMMARY

Vintage 2014 began with a relatively mild winter followed by a warm calm spring, perfect conditions for a short flowering, good fruit set and healthy spring growth. Temperatures nose-dived in January, it was the coolest January we have experienced in the vineyard in 10 years. Conditions in February & March improved and we enjoyed the stable & fine weather these months typically provide. When most of New Zealand was being doused with heavy rain at the end of March & early April, we remained dry and unusually warm, counteracting our cool January.

VINIFICATION

Hand harvested from the Kids Block of our Mt Maude family vineyard in Wanaka. 'Kids Block' refers to the owners - Dawn and Terry Wilson's grandchildren. A row was planted for each grandchild, all planted in 2000 and all to different Dijon clones. Not unlike the grandchildren themselves, the different Dijon clones have their own idiosyncrasies, making for an interesting, complex blend.

Fermented very traditionally in open topped tanks, hand plunged and using indigenous yeasts. Three weeks on skins for tannin development prior to gentle pressing through our basket press. Matured in French oak barriques (40% new) for 11 months before bottling un-filtered and un-fined in the autumn of 2015. Dawn and Terry think, like their grandchildren it couldn't be better but we're of the opinion it needs some time to reach its full potential.



HARVEST DATE	BOTTLING DATE	QTY BOTTLED	ALCOHOL	pH	ACIDITY
14th April 2014	27th March 2015	1344 Bottles	14% VOL	3.47	5.7 g/L