



**Maude**  
Central Otago  
Pinot Noir  
2023

**Vintage Summary**

The growing season began slightly later for the Mount Maude Vineyard, thankfully as early October was riddled with Spring frosts. November and December were warmer than usual but wetter also. All spare hands were called to the vineyard to ensure canopies were uncluttered and open, preventing the inevitable mildews which thrive in the warmer, humid conditions.

Seeing in the New Year, also saw in a change in weather, out with the rain, in with the typical Central Otago summer, warm and dry. Mother nature turned on us in mid Feb, nail-biting frosts and regular significant rainfalls. Slowly and surely, we got there, with Mohawk Hill being predominantly harvested in early to mid-April, Mount Maude later in April and Poison Creek just beyond that. All in all, our sum up of the growing season would be desperately long but through good vineyard practise and patience, we have wines in bottle or the cellar which we are immensely proud of, ones which speak openly from where they have their feet in the soil and one's which promise to deliver.

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Blackcurrant / bramble / dark cherry / plum / smoke / velvet. A savoury and structural expression of Central Otago Pinot Noir where precision and detail replace volume and mass.

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Harvest Date: 30th March to 26th April 2023  
Bottling Date: 28th February 2024  
Qty Bottled: 4,030 dozen  
Pinot Noir Clones: 115, 667, 5, Abel, 777  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
pH: 3.5  
Acidity: 6.1 g/ L

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Mohawk Hill (Lowburn) 55%  
Poison Creek (Queensberry) 26%  
Gibbston Valley 19%  
Whole cluster average: 15%  
Maceration average: 28 days on skins  
Matured 10 months in barrique  
No fining / minimal filtration

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