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2021

CUVÉE MADELINE



VARIETY

100% pinot noir, from a broad spectrum of clones, predominantly Abel.

VINEYARD SOURCE

Mount Pisa Vineyard, Central Otago. Selected parcels predominantly from schist/quartz soils. Originally referred to as "fine bones," reflecting the earth, vine gestures and wine character.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2021 winemaking approach, with meticulous management of multiple small-batch fermentations, sought to articulate the reflective, energetic and elegant qualities of the quartz and schist. Understated at first, it wasn't until June 2022 that the individual components began to unfurl, revealing their provenance - a consistent fine-boned character intrinsic to their soils of origin. Cuvée Madeline 2021 embodies the unique expression of our Mount Pisa vineyard's schist and quartz soils. Here, veins, reefs, and seams of quartz and schist interlace with clays and loams, crafting a wine that showcases the precision and minerality characteristic of these distinctive soils.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

Our winemaking techniques are simple and gentle to allow for the transfer from soil to wine and to capture the season. Fermentation is natural, either spontaneous or encouraged by use of pied de cuve. Harvested April 2nd and bottled November 22nd 2022. Average yield was 3.5 t/ha (ranging from 2.6 to 4.3 t/ha across different parcels). Fermentation: Multiple small-batch fermentations captured precise expressions of each vineyard section. Whole bunch inclusion varied by ferment (4% to 30%, averaging ~14%). Extended maceration averaged 23 days on skins. Pressing was small batch, either direct to barrel or with one night's settling before barreling down. Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel. Maturation occurred in a combination of French oak barrels and demi-muids (21% new oak).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13.7%
pH: 3.68
Total Acidity: 5.7g/L

VINTAGE NOTES

For harvest 2021, we had not yet conceptualised our cuvées, yet these parcels revealed their distinct character. In areas that would become Madeline, petite vines clung tenaciously to rigid schist and reflective quartz, their above-ground demeanour mirroring the ground beneath. Delicate bunches bore sparse, fine little berries.