

# QUARTZ REEF

## CENTRAL OTAGO

### BENDIGO - PINOT GRIS 2023



An appealing bouquet of peach, citrus peel and thyme is followed by a firm palate of floral and soft citrus notes. Focused and balanced, drinking beautifully now, with excellent aging potential. The perfect accompaniment for our modern south pacific cuisine.

#### VINEYARD

This wine is from our BioGro certified organic and Demeter certified biodynamic estate vineyard located in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago. The vineyard was planted in 1998 after careful site selection. The soils on the beautiful north facing slope are Waenga fine sandy loam and Letts steepland soil with an elevation of 217 - 264 metres, on 44.55° south.

#### VINTAGE

The growing season was a real "box of chocolates" as we experienced variable weather and climactic conditions as well as variable flowering and fruit set. Budburst began on September 23rd. We experienced long slow flowering starting on November 28th lasting for three weeks. From the beginning of January through to late February the temperature really heated up with days topping 35 degrees Celsius in Bendigo. First pick for the sparkling wine was on the 24th of February. The majority of our fruit was harvested by the end of March with our Pinot Noir picked on March 30th and the Pinot Gris a little later. Reflecting on a good year and great team we look forward to the coming winter to reset for another trip around the sun.

#### WINEMAKING

Hand-picked in ideal condition and ripeness on the 29th of March, 6th - 17th of April. Whole bunch pressed, minimum settling followed by natural fermentation and aged on yeast lees for 10 months during which full malolactic fermentation occurred.

#### TECHNICAL

pH: 3.38, TA: 5.33g/l, Alc: 13.5%, RS: 1g/l



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#### REVIEWS 2020

94  
POINTS

**94/100:** *"Sophisticated, varietal, quite complex and alluring bouquet with aromas of white flowers and mineral then white fleshed fruits and citrus. On the palate - crisp, tense, fruity and complex with flavours of green pear and white pepper, apple and honeysuckle, crushed stone mineral and a fine leesy autolysis. Nice mouthfeel and weight, plenty of acidity and a core of fruit. Best drinking from today and through 2026+."*  
By Cameron Douglas MS (Feb 21)

95  
POINTS  
★★★★★

**95/100, 5 Stars and ranked #2 of 94:** *"Absolutely delicious, creamy-textured pinot gris with stewed pear and apple, clove, anise and bread yeast lees flavours. The wine is delicately dry, with an ethereal texture and lingering finish. New Zealand pinot gris doesn't get much better than this."* By Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review (Jan 21)

★★★★★ **5 Stars:** By Michael Cooper MW (Jan 2021)

#### REVIEWS 2022

★★★★★ **5 Stars:** By Michael Cooper MW (April 2023): *"Certified organic and biodynamic, this attractively scented, youthful wine was estate-grown, hand-picked and lees-aged for six months. Mouth-filling, with generous, vibrant pear, lychee and spice flavours showing excellent delicacy and vigour, it has a finely poised, dry finish. Best drinking 2025+."*

