



# CERES ♀

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## Ceres Bannockburn Composition Pinot Noir 2016

**LOCATION:** Cairnmuir Road, Bannockburn, Central Otago

**THE VINEYARDS:** Ceres Bannockburn Pinot Noir is made up of fruit from 2 vineyards in the sub-region of Bannockburn, totalling 8 ha.

- I. **Inlet Vineyard:** Situated on a river terrace above the Bannockburn Inlet along Cairnmuir Road in Bannockburn. Planted in 2002. The soils are loess ranging from 200 – 600mm on top off deep clay gravels, around 160,000 years old. On an elevation of 225-245m. 5.25 ha.
- II. **Black Rabbit Vineyard:** Neighbouring Inlet Vineyard, 1.46 ha, the site elevation is 250 –315m with ancient soils between 4 and 300 million years old.

**Viticulture:** The beginning of spring bloomed dry and cool with low soil moisture coming into the season, November was characterised by much cooler than normal temperatures. The vines got away to a reasonably slow start. December was warm and remarkably settled leading to a compact and successful flowering. The warm settled spell continued right through January. February arrived and whilst warm was unusually damp, with much higher than average rainfall. March dried the vineyards out and the season finished with a warm flourish in April. We again started harvesting with lower sugars than typical at nice ripe flavours. The harvest was very compact; everything being harvested over a 21-day period.

**Winemakers Information:** The Composition 2016 Pinot Noir was fermented with wild yeast and spent 28 days on the skins; around 9-10 days cold soak, 8 – 9 days in ferment then 10 days post ferment. A blend of 30% Black Rabbit and 70% Inlet PN, with 417 dozen bottled.

**Maturation:** 12 months – 20% new (French, from a variety if Burgundian coopers).

**Clones:** 777, 115, Able, 5

**Winemaker:** Matt Dicey

**Tasting Notes:** Attractive and engaging bouquet of ripe red berry fruits - raspberry, plum and cherry, plenty of spice and mineral tones with a wild red rose perfume. On the palate - dry, fruity with flavours that reflect the nose - wild raspberry and plum, moderate toasty oak and oak spice layer, loads of energy, fine tannins and plenty of acidity, youthful.

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**pH:** 3.7

**TA:** 4.7 g/L