

kids block pinot noir 2015

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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

The 2015 season had a slow start with cooler than normal spring temperatures. Late spring frosts caused some sleepless nights and for the first time ever we had a helicopter on standby at Mt Maude. The season did a complete backflip with an exceptionally warm December, perfectly timed for a concise flowering period and resultant healthy fruit set. January and February continued the warmer weather trend and the vines rapidly 'caught up' from the slow start. Night time temperatures were unusually high, which coupled with the warm days meant harvest began earlier and the 2015 season was more compressed than recent years.

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 2016. 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 2015	31st March 2016	1916 Bottles	14% VOL	3.65	5.2 g/L