

Alc	pH	TA
13.5%	3.65	5.2g/l

SEASON SUMMARY

The 2016 growing season had a cold start. Numerous frosts in October and November led to slow spring growth. December brought lifted temperatures, allowing good flowering and fruit set with moderate crops.

In January, a polar blast required the use of frost protection. The dry spring and summer were punctuated with heavy rain in the middle of February, which led to larger than average berry sizes.

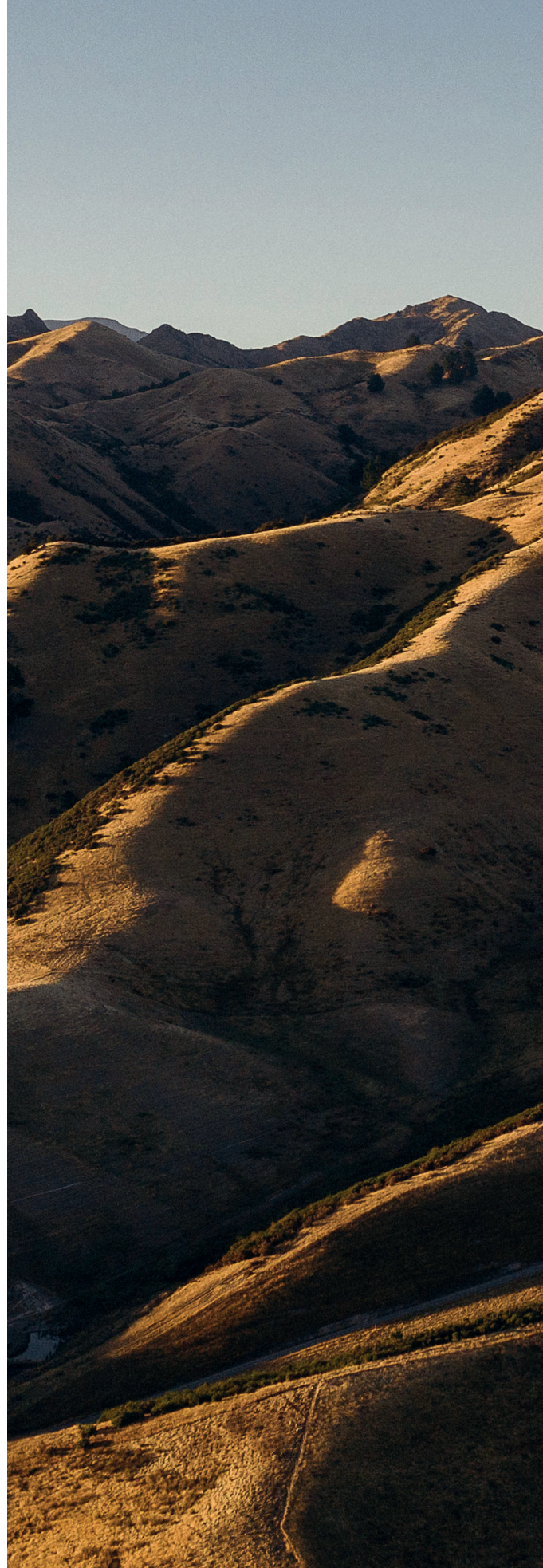
Harvest was slow and steady, thanks to the cool conditions in late March and early April. The fruit was able to have a long hang time, with the grapes handpicked between April 3rd and April 27th.

KEY VINEYARDS

Te Wahi is truly a Central Otago Pinot Noir, created from the fruit of two contrasting vineyards. Northburn is steep and hilly, with terraces of unforgiving, rocky glacial soils. It creates wines of structure and intensity. Calvert is more gentle, situated on the rolling terrain of an ancient lake bed. Its silty, loamy soils and gentle slopes create wines of opulence and elegance.

WINEMAKING & BLENDING

The grapes for Te Wahi 2016 were predominantly de-stemmed into open-top fermenters, with



15% whole-bunch inclusion. The grapes underwent a five-day cold soak before the start of wild yeast fermentation. Cap management consisted of plunging between one and four times daily, with a maximum fermentation temperature of 30 degrees Celsius. Total skin contact time ranged from 17 to 25 days, with the pressing date determined by taste. The wine was then barrel-aged for 12 months in French oak barriques, of which 30% were new. The wine was bottled on July 11th 2017 and released on July 1st 2018, after 12 months of bottle ageing in our cellar.



NOSE: Our 2016 Te Wahi Pinot Noir is elegant and poised. Bright and appealing in the glass, with a nose of fragrant bramble, wild strawberry and hints of violets.



PALATE: On the palate, concentrated damson and hedgerow fruit are underpinned by very fine tannins and vibrant freshness. This is a sophisticated Pinot Noir with balance, clarity and a long, focused finish.



Te Wahi
2016