

Alc 13.5% **pH** 3.75 **TA** 5.16 g/l

SEASON SUMMARY

The 2021 Te Wahi growing season was characterised by unseasonably wet conditions in December and January, which naturally lowered the potential yield and provided excellent soil moisture for veraison and ripening from February onwards.

Summer arrived with a vengeance during these latter months, and the vines were well set up for a classic period of ripening and flavour development.

The warm daytime temperatures, cool nights and negligible rainfall meant we could harvest the fruit at the optimum time.

Parcels were hand-picked, starting on 18 March 2021 and finishing on 9 April 2023.

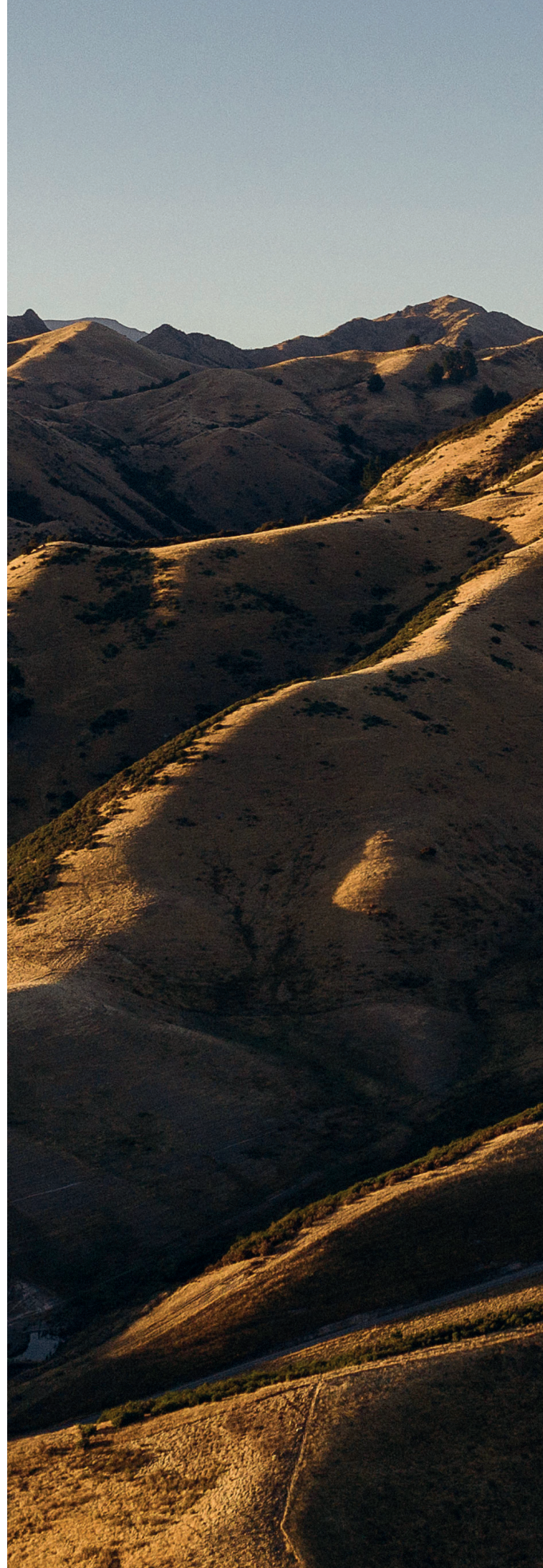
KEY VINEYARDS

Te Wahi is a true expression of Central Otago Pinot Noir, created from the fruit of two contrasting vineyards: Northburn and Calvert.

Northburn sits on the steep, hilly east bank of Lake Dunstan. The vines here spread across terraces of unforgiving, rocky, glacial soils. Helped by the large diurnal shifts of warm days and cool nights, these soils produce fruit of great structure and intensity.

Calvert, on Felton Road in Bannockburn, sits in the silty, loamy soils and rolling terrain of an ancient lakebed. Calvert produces opulent, elegant and sweetly-scented fruit.

These complementary vineyards work together to deliver a beautifully balanced wine.

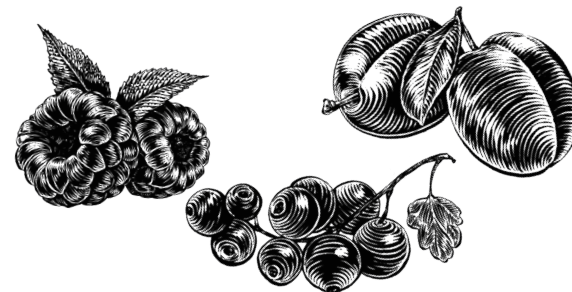


WINEMAKING & BLENDING

The grapes for Te Wahi 2021 were predominantly de-stemmed into open-top fermenters. The grapes underwent a five-day cold soak before starting fermentation. Cap management consisted of plunging between one and four times daily, with a maximum fermentation temperature of 30 degrees Celsius. The wine was on skins for approximately 21 days, with the pressing date determined by taste. After 12 months of barrel-ageing in French oak barriques, of which 30% were new, the wine was bottled in September 2022.



NOSE: The 2021 Te Wahi Pinot Noir is open and expressive, with appealing hints of dark chocolate and cherry liqueur alongside a touch of minty freshness.



PALATE: The palate is fresh and lively, with vibrant, juicy acidity and a beautiful sense of purity. There's an attractive damson jelly note alongside darker cold brew coffee characters and – again – a lovely crushed mint leaf lift. The tannins are fine and silky, giving the wine a supple and appealing texture.



Te Wahi
2021