

## **2021 High Garden Vineyard Pinot Noir / Tasting Note for RWC**

The 2021 growing season was consistently warm (for cool Gibbston) and dry, with low yields of small berries at High Garden. The result is a concentrated Pinot of power, weight and length, destined for long life yet absolutely delicious now. Seductive aromas of red berries and spice are followed by a mouth-watering combination of rich ripe fruit supported by a long line of fine tannins in a wine capable of developing further in bottle over many years. The cool dry climate and long growing season, with extended sunshine hours at altitude, combine to provide ideal conditions for growing Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

Robin Tedder MW Vigneron

### **Technical.**

Grape variety. Pinot Noir various clones (B667, B777, UCD5 and Abel).

Date first planted. 2001/02 seasons.

Size. Four hectares. Certified NZ Sustainable Vineyard.

Wine label. High Garden Vineyard Pinot Noir.

Viticulturist. Gary Crabbe highly experienced and a graduate of Lincoln.

Yield. 4.0 tonnes per hectare or 25 hecto-litres per hectare.

Date hand harvested. April 27th 2021.

Winemaker. Jennifer Parr NZ Winemaker of the Year 2020.

Winemaking. 32% whole cluster. No enzymes and extended maceration with 25 days on skins. 10 months in small French Oak, 30% new. 13.5% ABV. pH 3.5. TA 6.3g/l.

Unfined and unfiltered. Vegan.

Bottled on March 23rd 2022.