

2016 Prophet's Rock Pinot Noir Home Vineyard

OUR STORY

When we founded Prophet's Rock in 1999, our goal was to find sites in Central Otago like no others. Two vineyards were established in the Bendigo sub-region: The Prophet's Rock Home Vineyard and, subsequently, the Rocky Point. Both are steep and elevated, and each is distinctive – The Home Vineyard with its rare mix of soils, including schist, clay and chalk, and Rocky Point with its stony ground and almost treacherous slopes.

In the winery, though, we find our muses in the old houses of Europe. Winemaker Paul Pujol refined his trade working in France's classical wine regions, the Languedoc, Sancerre and, crucially, Burgundy and Alsace.

His traditional aesthetic — respectful, patient, vineyard-focused — resonates in our wines, and frees them to express the unique tenor of our sites. Each glass, then, embodies both the old world and the new, past and present unified by place.

At Prophet's Rock, we are committed to sustainable wine production. Our vines sit comfortably in the natural environment that surrounds them, and we treat these surroundings with care. Prophet's Rock is a member of Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand.



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Classics

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Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2016

Alcohol: 14.0%

Region: The grapes were grown on our Home Vineyard located on a high elevation, steep, north-facing terrace in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago. This stunning site has soil that features clay & chalk mixed with schist & quartz. Extensive canopy & crop management was carried out during the growing season to ensure the grapes attained full physiological ripeness with great concentration & flavour.

Vinification: The grapes were handpicked & field sorted. Once at the winery the fruit was destemmed with a high proportion of whole berries going into the fermenters. Fermentation took place using only indigenous 'wild' yeast. The wine was gently handled with very little extraction and once alcoholic fermentation was complete, the wine was drawn off its skins to barrel. The wine spent 17 months in French oak barrels from specific Burgundy cooperages & forests, of which 35% were new. The wine was bottled unfiltered under Diam cork which are certified taint-free.

Tasting notes: Rich ruby in colour, displaying red berry fruit, spice & floral aromas on the nose leading on to an elegant well structured, mineral driven palate. The rich aromatics are accompanied by silky tannin & well-balanced acidity leading on to a long finish. This wine will reward cellaring over the next 6-10+ years.

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ACCOLADES:

2016 Vintage- 96 points: James Suckling.com

"This is very good. The rich and attractive, fresh red cherries and plums sing in the glass. It delivers a very vibrant impression with blood oranges and pomegranate in the mix, too. Smooth tannins carry long and seamless, drenched in ripe red-cherry and pithy pink-grapefruit flavors. Super long and rippling with energetic fruit, this is a beautiful young pinot. Drink or hold."

***Note:** Every vintage since 2005 has received 93 points or higher from various reputable wine writers.

Winemaker's notes:

To inform our approach, I feel that our role is to translate our unique site into wine with as little winemaking signature as possible. We are fortunate to have a site that has a strong inherent personality and structure. It would be easy to cloud or lose that through over-extraction, whole-bunch (not well suited to our site) or heavy new oak. The long élevage is driven by the site which needs a long time to integrate, likewise the post-bottling cellaring programme.



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