

# — TWO — PADDOCKS

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## **PICNIC by Two Paddocks Pinot 2019**

### **Tasting Notes**

Featuring the Proprietor's Grandfather, Sidney Neill – Wine Merchant, on the label, Picnic is our perennial favourite – the wine to enjoy everyday and a wonderful introduction to the pleasure of Central Otago Pinot Noir. This fruit was sourced from Two Paddock's own estate vineyards in the Alexandra, Gibbston and Bannockburn sub-regions of Central Otago. Picnic Pinot Noir is made in a diminutive style aimed to reflect the characters that Central Otago Pinot does so very well – black and red cherry fruit, spice and a generosity that keeps you reaching for the next sip.

### **Vintage Comment:**

The Two Paddocks 2019 vintage experienced above average rainfall over the Winter and early Spring, meaning soil water remained at luxury levels for vines over the entire growing season. The Summer heat did accumulate though and shoots grew with ease without any destructive winds. Accurate leaf removal and crop thinning meant the vines had a balanced crop load and the fruit was very clean. A noticeable benefit was the lack of wind damaged shoots and leaves which really increases the vines ability to produce energy late into the season.

### **Central Otago Sub-regional composition:**

36% Alexandra, 46% Bannockburn, 18% Gibbston

### **Winemakers Notes:**

Hand harvested, 89% de-stemmed and given 5-7 days pre-fermentation cold maceration. After an indigenous ferment the wine is given another 5-7 days post ferment time on skins. Wine is then transferred to 1-4 year old French medium toast barriques (4% new oak) for a 9 month maturation in predominantly older oak, before racking and bottling.

*Redcurrant spicy pepper and dried herb aromatics with a fresh vibrant palate showing a rich ripe fruit profile and a soft elegant finish.*



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**Proprietor:** *Sam Neill*

**Viticulturist:** *Mike Wing*

**Winemaker:** *Dean Shaw*

**Bottled:** *April 2020*

**Total Production:** *2800 cases*

**Cellaring:** *2019 -2025*

pH 3.63 -- TA 6.0 g/l

Alc 13.0%

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