

# Brassknocker Pinot Noir, McArthur Ridge Estate 2021



## Region

A spectacular landscape and sophisticated tourist culture also home to some of the world's best Pinot Noir, not to mention impressive, vivid white wines. Main sub-regions lie within close reach, but the distinctive mountainous terrain means each occupies a unique microclimate. Soils can vary considerably within each sub-region though a stony free draining base is common to all. The world's southernmost wine region and the country's highest, in this semi-continental climate, with dry autumns and low humidity ensuring amazing purity and complexity.

## Producer

Around 1870 James McArthur arrived in the Waikerikeri Valley and settled at the end of what is now known as McArthur Road in Strathclyde, on the outskirts of Alexandra. The first vintage was produced in 2006. Located in the heart of this unforgiving mountainous region Central Otago sits the expansive vineyard of McArthur Ridge. The cool climate and gently sloping Brassknocker soils combine to deliver what some consider to be amongst the best vineyards in the world for growing Pinot Noir.

## Tasting Notes

Richly aromatic and complex, showing floral, ripe cherry, oak spice, and mocha notes on the nose. The palate is succulent with rich red berry notes and fine tannins. The wine is supported by fine acidity and finishes with a long and balanced persistency. Brassknocker is the name given to the unique soils found at the McArthur Ridge vineyard which is sited on expansive ancient glacial moraine terraces in Alexandra Central Otago.

## Food

Roast meats and turkey, coq au vin, veal escalope and wild mushroom risotto.

### Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	New Zealand
<b>Region</b>	Central Otago
<b>Grape(s)</b>	Pinot Noir (100%)
<b>Type</b>	Red
<b>Style</b>	Smooth
<b>Oaked Style</b>	Oaked
<b>Body Style</b>	Medium bodied
<b>Sustainable</b>	Yes-certified sustainable

<b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>	Dry
<b>Alcohol Content</b>	13.5%
<b>Closure Style</b>	Screw cap
<b>Organic/Biodynamic</b>	No
<b>Allergens</b>	<b>Milk:</b> No <b>Egg:</b> No
<b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>	<b>Vegetarian:</b> Yes <b>Vegan:</b> Yes



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