

PROPHET'S ROCK OLEARIA PINOT NOIR 2023

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Product Code:	6997
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	Central Otago
Sub Region:	Bendigo
Style:	Red
Variety:	Pinot Noir
Producer:	Prophet's Rock

Closure:	Cork
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	13.0%
Grape:	100% Pinot Noir



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TASTING NOTES

Winery notes (2023 Vintage)

"Olearia Lineata is a small dense tree with elegant fine branches and tiny drought resistant leaves that once carpeted the valley floors of Central Otago. We are fortunate to have large numbers of these officially 'at-risk' trees in and around both our Bendigo vineyards and continue to plant more.

The flagship wine from this extremely steep, schist-based, stunning site combines the highest-elevation parcels to make the best overall representation of this unique place. Our winemaking aims to be an exercise in understanding and translating our stunning sites into wine as accurately as possible with a minimum of winery signature.

A great expression of our Rocky Point Vineyard, the 2023 Olearia has the classic energy and vibrant aromatics of this steep, schist driven site. Florals and crunchy red fruits open up to a palate that combines bright fruit with spice and linear mineral structure. This wine is drinking extremely well on release but will age slowly towards peak drinking with even more mineral complexity."

96+/100 Erin Larkin, RobertParker.com, Wine Advocate, June 2025 (2023 Vintage)

"The 2023 Olearia Pinot Noir hails from a steep, rocky point in the vineyard (the vineyard is called Rocky Point, aptly named),

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overlooking the Clutha River below and the Pisa range on the other side of the valley. It seems to me an achievement for the vines to prosper in this cool, elevated and bony site, and their low-yielding manner is testament to the fight they engage in for survival and prosperity. I love it here; it feels every inch the mountainous region that it is. It is atmospheric and impactful, as is the wine. So, this is denser and more compact than the Sophora tasted alongside it; the tannins are infused into every aspect of the fruit here. There are three Dijon clones in this vineyard site, 115, 667, 777, and Abel as well. "I find the clones become less of a deal as the vines get older. It tends to be more important where they are than what's on the end of the post," says Winemaker Paul Pujol. This has such velvet plushness, but the tannins feel so dry and pliable within the folds of fruit. The acidity is fresh and seems to lead directly into the tannins, which linger through the finish. I do love these wines."

95/100 Emma Jenkins MW, Decanter UK, October 2025 (2021 Vintage)

"A restrained nose but there is a lot going on here nonetheless. Prophet's Rock's wines are never showy, taking their time to unfurl in the glass, and equally they reward patience in the bottle. Black cherry, wild raspberry, damson, orange peel, clove and oak spice, lots of iodine and earth; there's plenty of fruit intensity, but this is most definitely not a fruity wine. Dry and savoury with tight tannins and plenty of presence on a surprisingly delicate framework. Great length. Olearia, named for a native flowering shrub, is made in the same manner as the Home Vineyard but is sourced just around the corner from a parcel of vines at the top of the steep and aptly named Rocky Point vineyard, whose schist slopes have a spectacular view across Lake Dunstan."

95/100 JamesSuckling.com (2023 Vintage)

"Very subtle aromas of flowers, peaches and lavender follow through to a medium body with fine tannins that are integrated and fresh. Fruit is vivid and delicious. Drink it now and enjoy, but it will improve with age."

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