

# QUARTZ REEF BENDIGO ESTATE SINGLE FERMENT PINOT NOIR 2020















Original price was: \$112.00.\$94.99Current price is: \$94.99.

Product Code:	4915
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	Central Otago
Sub Region:	Bendigo
Style:	Red
Variety:	Pinot Noir

Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	14.0%
Grape:	100% Pinot Noir
Natural:	Biodynamic



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# TASTING NOTES

## Winery notes (2020 Vintage)

"Deep bright ruby, with a fragrant, complex bouquet, it is mouth filling and sweet-fruited, with rich, beautifully ripe flavours, a hint of liquorice, and savoury, smooth finish. Already delicious, ageing potential 7-10 years.

From our pioneer Bendigo Estate vineyard. BioGro certified organic and Demeter certified biodynamic; with a vine density of 5,000 - 8,000 plants per hectare on grafted pinot noir clones, planted in 1998.

This single ferment named "Charlee Bubs" has been selected as it best expresses the Bendigo Estate vineyard and the growing season. Hand harvested on the 1st of April from block 4. Cold soaked for 5 days before indigenous yeast fermentation kicked in. Gentle hand plunging throughout ferment, followed by postfermentation maceration of 6 days to ensure optimum fruit and tannin balance. Total time on skin: 22 days. Drained directly into selected French oak barriques (16 % new, 33 % 2 year old, 51 % 3 years old) where the wine aged for 13 months during which natural malolactic fermentation occurred."

#### 5 Stars & 96/100 Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review, March 2022 (2020 Vintage)

"An exceptional wine made under a biodynamic/organic regime. This wine has both purity and power with bright, ripe dark



cherry, floral, violet, cassis and a suggestion of fresh herbs plus a touch of spice from classy French oak."

#### 5 Stars Michael Cooper (2020 Vintage)

"Certified organic and biodynamic, this wine is 'a single ferment... personally selected by Rudi Bauer as it best expresses the Bendigo Estate vineyard' in Central Otago. Hand-harvested, it is matured in French oak casks, and bottled unfined and unfiltered. The very generous 2020 vintage is arguably the best yet. Deep, bright ruby, with a fragrant, complex bouquet, it is mouthfilling and sweet-fruited, with rich, beautifully ripe flavours, a hint of liquorice, and a savoury, smooth finish. Already delicious, it should be at its peak 2024+."

Reviews for the 2019 vintage below...

#### Rated Outstanding & 96/100 Cameron Douglas MS, June 2021 (2019 Vintage)

"Wonderful purity, complexity and vibrato in the bouquet with aromas of sweet ripe black cherry and Otago raspberries, a core of minerality with floral highlights, some new wood scents offering smoke and spice. Youthful, tense and poised on the palate with a core of pinosity, dark red berry fruit flavours, firm chalky tannins and plenty of acidity. Flavour mirror the bouquet leading to a lengthy, tense and complex finish. A wine for the cellar still with best drinking from late 2022 through 2030+."

## 95/100 Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, June 2020 (2019 Vintage)

"The 2019 Bendigo Estate Single Ferment Pinot Noir—nicknamed Black Ops—is indeed a darker shade of ruby than the regular bottling. Just the merest hint of cedar appears on the nose, accenting notes of black cherries, plums and some earthy, spicy, cola-like notes. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated and bold, this expansive, generous wine is framed by silky tannins and bright acids, which prolong the mouthwatering finish. It's a terrific effort from one of the region's acknowledged masters—owner/winemaker Rudi Bauer."

#### Rated Excellent, 5 Stars & 94/100 NZ Wine Rater, September 2021 (2019 Vintage)

"Pronounced, lifted, confected, bouquet with heady notes of violets, and pure ethereal, dark fruit, redolent of cold-soak prefermentation. A juicy, soft, rounded, textural wine with plenty of flesh on its bones, flavours of black cherry, and fine, gentle, spicy tannins. An engaging wine that is sure to have wide appeal."

## 94/100 Mike Bennie, The Wine Front, December 2022 (2019 Vintage)

"It's quite ripe and sweet fruited, pretty and juicy, a strong, concentrated, kirsch and ripe cherry thing going on in bouquet and palate, light spice detail, a bit of alpine herb and some milk chocolate elements. Slick and slurpy and then tamed with a corset of fine, lacy tannins. Very lovely, quietly potent and delightful drinking."

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