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PYRAMID VALLEY CALVERT VINEYARD CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR (GROWER'S COLLECTION)

Moon-tanned grapes shoot the moon with
little provocation

PYRAMID VALLEY VINEYARDS



CONCEPTUAL DOPPELGÄNGER

Famous night owl and legendary punk provocateur (sans provocation or volume), Patti Smith is an elegant wordsmith who pushes nothing on you, while cascading ideas in multitudinal dimension upon your unsuspecting soul. She's dark only in the way of being slightly different - hence to those that know and appreciate her - she is light. Unfettered purity grown in organic progressions in the hotbeds of creativity yield fabulous results for those looking off the beaten path. While Patti is so much more than one bottle of Pinot Noir could ever hope to be, she was once so much less. The reality of this paragraph exists somewhere on a spectrum that starts at nascent upstart and ends with legend. You be the judge.

WINEMAKER Mike Weersing

REGION Central Otago

GRAPE VARIETY Pinot Noir

SOIL Bannockburn soils- deep silt loam, with quartz sand and quartz schist gravels

AGE OF VINES Planted 1999

PRODUCTION 4,500 bottles

VITI/VINI

Organic and biodynamic practices- working with Blair Walter of Felton Road, friend and hero. Carefully sorted, one lunar cycle on skins, with 25% whole clusters, and few plungings, and no pumpovers. One lunar cycle settling. Aged in French oak, mostly barriques, some hogsheads, but nothing new. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

PRODUCER

Wine to Mike and Claudia Weersing is a genie, genius loci; our job is to coax it from its rock to bottle. Every gesture they make, in vineyard

and winery, is a summons to this spirit of place. Biodynamics, hand-based viticulture, low yields, natural winemaking - these are some of the means they've adopted better to record and transmit this voice. Each wine is allowed to flower as it wishes. With the Grower's Collection, their ambition is to create a range of wines from sites other than their home vineyard. They are allowed to work with admired colleagues, and with sites, soils, varieties different than those at home. All of their wines are devoted to people and place; all bring rich rewards of community.

