

- WINE LIST -

METHODE TRADITIONELLE

	GLASS	BOTTLE
Akarua Vintage Brut 2016		\$105
A complex nose of citrus peel, green apples, roasted almonds and vanilla bean custard. The palate shows a fine mineral thread and the creamy character on the nose follows through with orange citrus notes of tangerine. The structure is weighty and rich but beautifully balanced with taut, bright acidity and delicate persistent bead.		
Akarua Rosé Brut NV	\$17.0	\$80
Lifted red berry perfume of raspberries and fresh strawberries, together with more complex notes of strawberry jam on brioche toast. The palate is richly creamy with red apples, red nectarine skin and fine persistent bead. Great length and mouth filling texture balanced with fine acidity. A food matching sparkling wine with nuance and intrigue. <i>*94 points, MS Cameron Douglas</i> <i>*Gold Medal – Champagne & Sparkling Wine World Championships 2019</i>		
Akarua Brut NV	\$15.0	\$70
Pretty lifted notes of apple blossom, lemon curd on fresh brioche and yellow-skinned stone fruit. Palate is zesty and fresh, with crunchy Braeburn apples and fine persistent bead. Lovely length and mouth filling richness balanced with bright acidity. The perfect aperitif. 18 months on lees. <i>*5 Stars, Top 5 & No 2, Cuisine Magazine, Nov 2020</i> <i>*Gold Medal – United Kingdom Sommelier Wine Awards 2019</i>		

WHITE WINES

	GLASS	BOTTLE
Akarua De-Bettencor Chardonnay 2020 (organic)		\$120
The first release from our single block series, our de Bettencor Chardonnay will entice many a chardonnay lover. Distinct aromas of white smoke, golden apple & grilled Central Otago peach. A bright, fruity pallet of zesty lime, pink grapefruit, apricot & papaya. Moving towards a caramelised toffee apple, roasted nuts and a cinnamon coated brioche to finish. Anticipated as the next 'must have' for Akarua wine collectors.		
Akarua Chardonnay 2019	\$16.5	\$70
Our lightly oaked Chardonnay comes entirely from our home block on Cairnmuir Road. The vines here are now 23 years old, displaying an evolving element of complexity, allowing the purity of the fruit from Bannockburn to shine; lemon zest, kaffir lime leaf and clover honey. Fine acidity with a long mineral finish. <i>*93 points, MS Cameron Douglas</i>		
RUA Chardonnay 2019	\$13.5	\$58
This is the first year we have bottled a Chardonnay from our certified organic deBettencor vineyard in Pisa. It is wonderful to see the influence of the sub-region in the bright citrus-led character of the wine. Floral nose of jasmine and citrus blossoms, with yellow nectarine and beeswax. The palate is bright with the juiciness of grapefruit and Meyer lemons, with a mineral finish.		
Akarua Pinot Gris 2021	\$15.0	\$65
Pretty lifted perfume of white peach, lemon and lime zest, hazelnuts and honey, with lovely texture from wild yeast barrel fermentation. Our winemaker's inspired use of French acacia barrels accentuates florals and summer fruits, a nutmeg spice note from our schist soils and a bright, fresh zesty pink grapefruit finish. Just released.		
RUA Pinot Gris 2021	\$13.5	\$58
Engaging nose of nectarine, guava and pineapple with jasmine and honeysuckle florals. A luscious note of ginger-spiced pear tart on the palate, with honey dew and white peaches. Bright, juicy acidity with more ginger on the finish. Just released.		
Akarua De-Bettencor Sauvignon Blanc 2020 (organic)		\$80
The first vintage release of this single block organic Sauvignon Blanc from our de Bettencor vineyard in the Pisa subregion. The pallet is textural with lime sorbet acidity. Gooseberry notes softening into melon & salted white peach. Extended lees contact has increased complexity and texture. A lengthy, persistent finish.		
Akarua Sauvignon Blanc 2019	\$14.0	\$60
Our Sauvignon Blanc is a single vineyard wine from Central Otago's oldest certified organic vineyard at the base of the towering Pisa ranges. Citrus-driven and partially barrel fermented, this is a textural, savoury expression of Sauvignon Blanc and a lovely match with our cured salmon. <i>*94 points, MS Cameron Douglas</i>		
Akarua Dry Riesling 2021	\$14.5	\$62
This is the second year we have made a single block Riesling from our Redback Ridge site and the 2021 vintage has given us such incredible fruit concentration and complex herbaceous and spice notes in the wine. Intense lime and leafy herbs together with the chalky finish – like drinking a mojito in a quarry!		
Akarua Riesling 2021	\$14.5	\$62
Conditions were perfect for our medium-sweet 2021 Riesling. The interplay of acidity and sweetness on the palate lends effortless balance to this wine and with only 9.5% alcohol, it is effortless drinking too! Palate follows through with lemon curd, honey suckle and small white flowers. The finish is beautifully balanced with maple-laced fruit sweetness and bright flinty acidity. Utterly delicious.		
RUA Pinot Rosé 2021	\$14.0	\$60
Wildly exotic fruit salad perfume of pineapple, passionfruit, strawberries and watermelon. Heady florals too; jasmine, lilies and gardenia. The centre palate is perfumed with balanced freshness from notes of pink grapefruit and feijoa, and a soft, lifted finish. Delicious!		

PINOT NOIR

GLASS BOTTLE

The Siren Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2018

\$180

The Siren is a wine for collectors. A selection of our best barrels from our beloved homeblock on Cairnmuir Road and a homage to our founder Sir Clifford Skeggs. Savoury developed nose with wood smoke, marzipan, and dried thyme with pretty florals of roses and lilies. The palate is rich, luscious and ripe, with the crunch of cranberry acidity providing lift and balance. A lovely long finish laced with the flavour of fresh liquorice and stony minerals.

**95 points, Bob Campbell MW*

Kolo Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2018

\$145

The wonder of our single block wines is that they not only reflect the character of a tiny section of a very unique place, they are also a transparent picture of their vintage. Without the benefit of blending in wine from other parts of the region to bring in different flavour and structure, a single block wine can only show the weather and character of its exact spot. Enter the 2018 Kolo Pinot Noir – lifted, red fruited, silken and delicately spiced – a more finely boned version of previous dark and brooding vintages. Delightful.

**Double Gold - Global Fine Wine Challenge 2021*

**95 points, Bob Campbell MW*

Akarua Lilyvale Pinot Noir 2019

\$135

Akarua's inaugural release of our single block pinot noir from our special Lilyvale vineyard in the Pisa subregion. Planted with clone 5 and 115 and aged in old french oak for 22 months, this wine captures the essence and complexity of Central Otago pinot with intense aromas of cinnamon spice, earthy brambles, black plum, and red cherry.

Akarua Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2018 (cellar release)

\$95

Our winemaker Andrew Keenleyside is particularly enamoured with this vintage of Akarua's flagship style: "I love the transparency in this vintage of Akarua Pinot Noir. By that I mean I can really see the rugged beauty of our mountain vineyards in the wine. The wild thyme, rosehip and scrubby brambles are so present, as is a perfume of the rocks and bony soils of the mountains. Vine age is really starting to play its part, as the flavours in the fruit reflect a picture of the vineyards in a complex and intriguing way."

**Air New Zealand Fine Wines of New Zealand List*

**93 Points, James Suckling*

Akarua Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2020

\$18.0 \$85

The 2020 vintage is a return to a generously structured wine of richness, concentration, length, and complexity. Vine age continues to play an increasingly important part, as the flavours in the fruit reflect a picture of the vineyards in a complex and delicious way.

**95 points, Bob Campbell MW*

**94 points, MS Cameron Douglas*

**5 stars, 3rd place, Dish Magazine*

**93 points, James Suckling*

Akarua 25 Steps Pinot Noir 2019

\$15.5 \$75

This is our second only bottling of Pinot Noir from this terraced vineyard and this year the interplay of tannins and acidity on the palate is a wonderful feature of the wine. We're seeing the influence of a classic, cool and low yielding vintage plus the unique characters this site brings. Endlessly entertaining.

**91 Points Bob Campbell MW*

**93 points, James Suckling*

RUA Pinot Noir 2020

\$14.5 \$65

Lifted perfume of Christmas cake spices with brambles, lavender, and wild thyme. Vibrant and concentrated red berry fruit character, with darker notes of blackberries and black cherries. Soft silken tannins, bright structural acidity with a stony mineral thread.

**92 Points, Bob Campbell MW*

**93 Points, Sam Kim*

DESSERT

Alchemy Ice 2019 (375ml)

\$14.5 \$85

Made from blast frozen Riesling and Gewürztraminer grapes, this is an exotic sweet wine.

Layers of flavours with apricot, lychee and honeyed caramel. A perfect balance between acidity and richness.

**95 points, Bob Campbell MW*

**Vintages subject to change.*

