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## The Artists Collection Inlet Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016 Bannockburn / Central Otago

**Location:** Cairnmuir Rd, Bannockburn, Central Otago, New Zealand.

**The Essence:** The Artists Collection is the pride of Ceres Wines, it's about celebrating all those "Artists" involved in crafting these single site wines to reflect their place. Each bottle is adorned with the artwork of Odelle Morshuis (James Dicey's wife) to echo a shared philosophy of capturing a moment in time and space.

**The Inlet Vineyard:** Situated on a river terrace above the Bannockburn Inlet along Cairnmuir Road in Bannockburn. Planted in 2002. The soils are loess ranging from 200 – 600mm on top off deep clay gravels, around 160,000 years old. On an elevation of 225-245m. 5.25 ha.

**Viticulture:** After a normal budburst the vintage started cool, which slowed the vines down. The temperature recovered in late December and we had a cool January, but a long hot finish from February to end of March. This resulted in very perfumed and aromatic fruit with a wider range of flavours than normal. There is a significant acid backbone which provides structure and definition and will certainly aid in the aging of this wine.

**Winemakers Information:** Inlet Vineyard 2016 Pinot Noir was fermented with wild yeast and spent 28 days on the skins; around 10 days cold soak, 8 – 9 days in ferment then 10 days post ferment. A philosophy of minimal oak influence is followed, maturation in well-seasoned / aged barrels provides for the wines development. Free from oak flavours allows this wine to shine as the most candid expression of Pinot Noir and its site. A total of 80 dozen bottled.

**Maturation:** 18 months in seasoned barrels (French, from a variety of Burgundian coopers).

**Clones:** 777, 6, 115

**Winemaker:** Matt Dicey

**Tasting Notes:** Ceres flagship single vineyard Pinot Noir delivers complexity and concentration, an elegantly poised with brooding dark cherry, wild thyme, plum and liquorice flavours. This impressive Pinot will continue to improve with age 5-7 years from vintage.

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**pH:** .54

**TA:** 4.7 g/L