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Crafted in limited quantities, this Pinot Noir from Renaissance Vineyard on Felton Road, Bannockburn, balances fragrant red fruit with a complex structure.

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Una Volta Pinot Noir 2020

Central Otago, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

The **Renaissance Vineyard** is located on **Felton Road** in **Bannockburn, Central Otago**, renowned for producing Pinot Noir with depth and minerality. This vineyard benefits from a terroir rich in **glacial soils** including loess, gravel, schist, and quartz, which contribute to the wine's mineral complexity. Planted above the **Kawarau River** and maintained sustainably, this close-planted vineyard showcases the finesse of Bannockburn, known for long ripening periods that develop intensity and structure in Pinot Noir.

The 2020 vintage provided ideal conditions, combining warm days and cool nights, which helped retain the natural acidity and develop complex flavors in the grapes, reflecting the uniqueness of this site.

Winemaking

The **Una Volta Pinot Noir** is crafted with a focus on both intensity and elegance. After hand-harvesting, the grapes are processed using a high proportion of **whole clusters**, which contributes to the wine's structure and subtle tannic edge. Fermentation occurs with indigenous yeasts, allowing the wine to naturally express the vineyard's distinct characteristics. Following fermentation, the wine matures in **French oak barrels**, with a portion of new oak used to enhance complexity without overshadowing the fruit purity.

The wine is aged for around **12 months** in barrel, allowing the flavors to integrate and achieve balance. Bottled without filtration, the **Una Volta Pinot Noir** captures the essence of the Renaissance Vineyard, offering a depth of flavor that speaks to its Bannockburn origins.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby with medium intensity, reflecting youthful vibrancy.
- **Aroma:** Complex bouquet of **cherry, raspberry**, and floral notes, with earthy undertones and hints of dried herbs.
- **Palate:** Silky and structured, with a fine balance of red fruit, savory spice, and a touch of minerality. The tannins are well-integrated, leading to a long, refreshing finish.

Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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Did You Know?

The name **Una Volta**, meaning “one time” in Italian, signifies the limited and unique nature of this release. Despite the name, this is Blank Canvas's second Una Volta Pinot Noir, continuing a tradition of exclusive, small-batch wines that highlight unique parcels with special character.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with cherry sauce:** Complements the wine's red fruit and savory depth, enhancing the flavors.
- **Mushroom risotto:** The earthy and umami flavors pair harmoniously with the wine's subtle complexity.
- **Lamb rack with rosemary and thyme:** The herbal notes in the wine echo the seasoning, creating a balanced pairing.
- **Aged hard cheeses like Comté:** Complements the wine's texture and depth, enhancing its savory elements.



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2020)

The vineyard is in Bannockburn, in Central Otago, tended to by Sophie Thomson-Parker's father. The 2020 Una Volta Pinot Noir is fresh and fine, with spicy red fruit, graphite, pencil-lead oak, star anise and hints of pomegranate molasses. The tannins are chalky and lithe and good. The wine is silky and creamy, and I love the powdery tannins through the finish. The whole bunches (40%) are used to reduce the need for extraction and contribute to the texture. 13% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 93 Points (2020)

The 2020 Una Volta Pinot Noir is sourced from a parcel on Felton Road. It is open and fluid with a sense of plumpness and fruit generosity held together with a tension and line holding its shape. There's woody herbs and lifted florals from the whole bunches alongside cherry fruit, black tea, nutmeg and cloves on the drawn out finish. The concluding impression is one of freshness, sinew and pep.

