

Pinot Noir

2023 | CENTRAL OTAGO

Vintage Notes

Shoot growth was slow to start due to a colder than usual spring season with many frosty nights, creating a prolonged flowering period. This was followed by a hot, dry summer over a 6 - 7 week period, so in turn the berries within the bunch caught up to create even ripeness within the bunches. Autumn brought some rain; however, our canopies were open to sunlight and airflow, and the fruit quality was excellent.

Vineyards

Subregions: Bannockburn 55%, Pisa 45%

Vineyards: Cairnmuir (Bannockburn) 29%, Felton Terraces (Bannockburn) 26%, Eden Vineyard (Pisa) 24%, Murrell Vineyard (Pisa) 5%, 25 Steps (Pisa) 8%, Vale Vineyard (Pisa) 8%

Clones: 5, 6, 13, 114, 115, 777, 10/5, Abel

Vinification

After harvesting, the fruit was processed into stainless steel fermenters and inoculated with a range of Pinot Noir yeasts. After remaining on skins for 23 - 32 days, it was gently pressed off.

Approximately 15% of new oak influence in the wine. This provides fine integrated tannins and fruit structure.

Tasting Notes

The 2023 RUA Pinot Noir has a rich and generous palate, with black cherry, raspberry and plum notes supported by vanilla and classic Central Otago dried herbs. A subtle spiciness adds to the complexity. The silky tannins are well integrated in this fresh and vibrant Central Otago Pinot Noir. This wine drinks beautifully now and for the next 5+ years.

Accolade History

2022 vintage: Decanter World Wine Awards - 91/Silver (June 2023)

2021 vintage: Bob Campbell MW - Best Wine Buy of 2022, New World Wine Awards 95/100 points, Gold Medal (Oct. 2022), Decanter World Wine Awards 93/100 points (Jun. 2022), Winestate 4 stars (Mar. 2022), International Wine Challenge Silver Medal (2022)

2020 vintage: Cameron Douglas MS 93/100 (Apr. 2021), Winestate 4.5 stars (Mar. 2021), Bob Campbell MW 92/100 (Mar. 2021), Wine Spectator 92/100 (May 2021), James Suckling 91/100 (Oct. 2021)

2019 vintage: Wine Spectator 92/100 (May 2021), James Suckling 91/100 (Nov. 2020), Sam Kim 93/100 (Nov. 2020), Bob Campbell MW 90/100 (Mar. 2020)

2018 vintage: James Suckling 91/100 (Sep. 2019), Cameron Douglas MS 92/100, Mar. 2019, Bob Campbell MW 89/100 (Apr. 2019), Huon Hooke 89/100 (Mar. 2019)



Vineyard/s	Harvest Date	Bottling Date	TA	Alc	pH	Residual Sugar
Central Otago	22 March to 23 April 2023	4 Dec. 2023 & 22 Jan. 2024	5.5 g/l	13.5%	3.6	0 g/l