

# Pinot Noir

2024 | CENTRAL OTAGO

## Vintage Notes

Spring started with a few cold and hardy frosts just before budburst at our Pisa and Cairnmuir sites. Slow shoot growth in October and November was followed by favorable flowering conditions, leading to even ripeness within bunches. Growth accelerated in December with a hot and dry summer. Frosts in March and April slowed sugar ripeness, leading to a prolonged harvest from 7 March to 30 April. Despite these challenges, we achieved clean fruit with good canopies. Development of flavour and tannin was slower than sugar accumulation, but holding our nerve and leaving our healthy blocks to develop flavour resulted in a beautifully rounded vintage.

## Vineyards

Subregions: Bannockburn 62%, Pisa 38%

Vineyards: Felton Terraces (Bannockburn) 43%, Cairnmuir (Bannockburn) 19%, Eden Vineyard (Pisa) 7%, Vale Vineyard (Pisa) 5%, 25 Steps (Pisa) 11%, Murrell Vineyard (Pisa) 15%

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 selection of Pinot Noir yeasts. The wine remained on skins for 23 to 32 days before being gently pressed. Approximately 10% of new oak influence in the wine. This provides fine integrated tannins and fruit structure.

## Tasting Notes

This wine showcases vibrant red cherry, plum, and blackcurrant aromas. The palate is rich and generous, with dark fruit flavors carrying through seamlessly. A touch of spice enhances complexity, while silky, well-integrated tannins contribute to a fresh and vibrant finish. This wine is drinking beautifully now and will continue to evolve over the next 2-6 years.

## Accolade History

**2023 vintage:** New World Wine Awards Gold/96 points/Top 50 (Oct. 2025), Cameron Douglas MS 93/100 (May 2024), Sam Kim Wine Orbit 94/100 (Aug. 2024)

**2022 vintage:** Decanter World Wine Awards - 91/Silver (Jun. 2023), Cameron Douglas MS 93/100 (Jun. 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	13 March to 23 April 2024	13 - 15 January 2025	5.7 g/l	13.6%	3.6	0 g/l

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