

Pinot Noir

2022 | CENTRAL OTAGO

Vintage Notes

Overall, a warm and settled growing season, with little to no high winds, no major frost events and very good soil moisture leading into late 2021. Weekly rain events throughout November took the vines into premium conditions for canopy growth. Flowering conditions were perfect, with warm dry weather over this crucial period. In turn, the fruit was very even in ripeness within the bunches. Settled and warm autumn. It was a very busy and fast-paced harvest. A stellar vintage with very high quality fruit and fantastic crop loads, which were easily ripened by our lush, large canopies.

Vineyards

Subregions: Bannockburn 47%, Pisa 53%

Vineyards: Cairnmuir (Bannockburn) 33%, Felton Terraces (Bannockburn) 14%, Murrell Vineyard (Pisa) 16%, Eden Vineyard (Pisa) 16%, 25 Steps (Pisa) 11%, Vale Vineyard (Pisa) 10%

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.

A portion of the wine was aged in oak barrels and the remainder in stainless steel to retain its freshness and vibrancy.

Tasting Notes

The 2022 RUA Pinot Noir is fresh and vibrant, with concentrated raspberry, red plum and wild thyme aromas. The palate showcases soft, silky tannins and bright acidity. This wine drinks beautifully now and for the next 5+ years.

Accolade History

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)

Vineyard/s	Harvest Date	Bottling Date	Qty Bottled	TA	Alc	pH	Residual Sugar
Central Otago	9 March to 14 April 2022	5 Dec. '22 and 16 Jan '23	33,950 x 96 cases	5.5 g/l	13%	3.6	0 g/l

