

2022

HAWKSHEAD

Reserve Pinot Noir

Sub Regions: 50% Bannockburn | 43% Lowburn | 7% Gibbston

A triad of barrel-selected beauties; Bold, seductive Bannockburn and delightfully fruited Lowburn grapes were melded with the enticing aromatics & savouriness of Gibbston. All gracefully intertwined to create a quintessential Central Otago Pinot Noir.

Colour: Plum purple red
Style: Dry in style

Flavour Profile

The wine is medium-bodied and, on the palate, rich with elegant finesse. Delicious impressions of dark fruits emerge; plums, black currents and ripe cherries. Those flavours are in harmony with lingering mocha spice and a sprinkle of wood smoke. Dark chocolate & raspberry brittle linger faintly in the back.

This wine shows excellent concentration, subtle, refined acidity and integrated velvety tannins, and those attributes lead to a long, harmonious finish. This astounding, compelling blend is a classic Central Otago Premium Pinot Noir and will cellar exceptionally well.

It is delightfully expressive and delicious now and will be very much appreciated by Pinot Noir aficionados in time (10 + years). Our goal is to make wine with minimal intervention and let the grapes speak for themselves, which means maximum flavour.

Winemaking Comments

Hand Harvest Dates: 26th March, 8th April & 13th April 2022
Pinot Noir Clones: 777 - 50% | 10/5 - 43% | 114/667/Abel - 7%
Fermentation: 3 different fermentations | 43.5% whole bunch pressed
One light plunge per day
Yeast: 100% Indigenous (natural)
Post Fermentation: Matured in French oak barriques for 10 months (28.5 % new)
Filtration: Yes - For clarification before bottling
Fining: No
Wine Analysis: PH 3.55 | TA 5.9 g/l | Alc 13 %
Bottling Date: 27 January 2023
Wine Maker: Dean Shaw

