

Valli Bendigo Vineyard Pinot Noir 2011

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Viticulture

GDD:

Location: Bendigo (Chinaman's Terrace), Central Otago

Climate: Semi-Continental

Clones: Dijon 667, 777, 115; Abel, 5

Soils: Soils derived from schist and wind blown loess

over deep, free draining gravels on elevated terraces

1149

Rainfall: 429 mm per Annum

Vine Age: Planted 2006

Yield: 5.1 Tonnes / Hectare

Vine Density: 3800 / Hectare

Trellis System: VSP

Winemaking

Harvest Date: 6 April 2011

 Brix:
 25.3

 pH:
 3.3

 T.A.:
 7.65 g/l

 Whole Bunch:
 30%

 Peak Fermentation Temp:
 32°C

 Cuvaison:
 23 Days

Oak Percentages: New 34%, One Year 33%, Two Year 33%

Time in Barrel: 11 Months
Coopers Used: Saury, Mercurey

Fining: None
Filtering: None
Alcohol: 14%
Total Cases Produced: 200

Tasting Note

"Very full, bright and deep purple-red colour, near lurid, and very youthful in appearance. The bouquet is full and softly rounded with aromas of ripe dark plum fruit with some whole bunch dried stalk complexities and savoury game nuances adding layers of interest, all well entwined and integrated. Fullish bodied, broad and weighty flavours of dark berry fruits, plums, dark herbs and oak toast nuances fill the palate. This is up-front, open with accessible, sweet and rich fruitiness, the restrained acidity enhancing the rounded mouthfeel. Some alcohol warmth adds to the generosity, and the tannin extraction builds from mid-palate to provide a firm, grainy texture that leads to a dry, long finish with dark plum and dark herb notes. This is a fulsome, open and sweet, dark plum flavoured Pinot Noir with plenty of tannin structure." - Raymond Chan, March 2013