

## Valli Bendigo Vineyard Pinot Noir 2010

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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 terrace

1198

Rainfall: 350mm per Annum

Vine Age: Planted 2006
Yield: 5 Tonnes / Hectare
Vine Density: 3800 / Hectare

Trellis System: VSP

## Winemaking

Harvest Date: 14 April 2010

 Brix:
 24.7

 pH:
 3.27

 T.A.:
 8.6 g/l

 Whole Bunch:
 25%

 Peak Fermentation Temp:
 32.5°C

Oak Percentages: New 30%, One Year 36%, Two Year 34%

Time in Barrel: 11 Months

Coopers Used: Cadus, François Freres, Ana

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

## Tasting Note

The Bendigo Pinot Noir is the newest addition to the Valli stable of Single Vineyard Pinot Noirs. Years ago, Grant was involved in the largest-to-date plantings at Bendigo, across 5 different sites. During this time, he identified "Chinaman's Terrace" as his favourite. When the opportunity to make wine from the Zebra Vineyard on Chinaman's Terrace presented itself there was only one answer: YES.

The wines from this very warm part of Otago have been described as "big friendly beasts". They are dark, rich, lush wines capturing the rock reflected heat and ripeness of this special site.