

Valli Burn Cottage Pinot Noir 2019

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Clones: Abel, 115, UCD5

Soils: Sandy loams, glacial outwash, schist-derived

350m

Semi-Continental

Burn Cottage Vineyard, Lowburn, Central Otago

Vine Age: Planted 2003

Vine Density: 5000 vines/Hectare
Harvest Date: 7th April 2019

Brix at Harvest: 24.3
Whole Bunch: 30%
Peak Fermentation Temp: 28°C
Cuvaison: 23 Days
Oak Percentages: New 20%
Coopers Used: Ana Selection

Fining: None
Filtering: None
Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Bottles Produced: 1,455



"The 2018-2019 growing season returned to "classic" conditions with great diurnal range and a beautifully settled autumn (after the uncharacteristically warm 2017-2018 season). The nose is immediately earthy with red and blue fruit enveloping the graphite, mushroom, and earthy loam. There is also a lovely hint of wildflowers at the finish. The wine is quite focused with fresh fruit and persistent acidity driving the palate. The earthiness is reminiscent of previous vintages, a characteristic that we now regard as a hallmark of this Burn Cottage site. The palate is generous and dynamic with fine tannin and great length. This Pinot Noir is refreshingly taut and fresh at release and will continue to evolve for 12+ years. For Valli, it is a fascinating journey learning about this vineyard through very different growing seasons. We continue to observe some significant characteristics of this place that are evident no matter what role nature plays in each vintage. Working with Burn Cottage has helped us achieve greater perspective about our own vineyards as well as helping us hone our winemaking intuition. Above all, we are lucky to share a wonderful collaborative experience with people we admire and enjoy spending time with." Jen Parr

