

Valli Gibbston Vineyard Pinot Noir 2011

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Viticulture

Location: Gibbston, Central Otago

Climate: Semi-Continental

Clones: UCD 5, 6, Dijon 115, 113, 114, 777

Soils: Alluvial loess between 0.5 and 1 metre deep

over firm river gravels and colluviums

GDD: 887

Rainfall: 587mm per Annum

Vine Age: Planted 2000

Yield: 4.4 Tonnes / Hectare

Vine Density: 4040 / Hectare

Trellis System: VSP

Winemaking

Harvest Date: 16 April 2011

 Brix:
 23.2

 pH:
 3.28

 T.A.:
 8.8 g/l

 Whole Bunch:
 30%

 Peak Fermentation Temp:
 30°C

 Cuvaison:
 24 Days

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

Coopers Used: François Frères, Mercurey

Time in Barrel: 11 Months

Fining: None
Filtering: None
Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Cases Produced: 910

Tasting Note

"Full, deep purple-red colour with a dark heart, youthful in appearance. The nose is very refined with beautifully bright, aromatic dark red berry and cherry fruits, showing excellent ripeness, intermixed with fragrant fresh thyme herbs and hints of Asian spices. Medium-full bodied, sweet and succulently ripe, dark red berries and cherries are complexed by layers of florals and herbs forming a detailed amalgam of flavours. Oaking is very harmonious, adding spicy nuances. The tannin extraction is very fine, providing a good core and elegant palate line, which is enlivened by lively, fresh acidity. This has impressive balance, tension and energy, and the flavours flow to a very long, lingering finish featuring sweet fruit notes. This is a classically structured, fragrant and sweet-fruited Pinot Noir with noteworthy balance." - Raymond Chan, March 2013