

## Valli Gibbston Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012

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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:** 910

Rainfall: Approximately 600mm per Annum

Vine Age: Planted 2000

Yield: 3.6 Tonnes / Hectare

Vine Density: 4040 / Hectare

Trellis System: VSP

## Winemaking

Harvest Date: 14 April 2012

 Brix:
 23.8

 pH:
 3.36

 T.A.:
 8.9 g/l

 Whole Bunch:
 30%

 Peak Fermentation Temp:
 32°C

 Cuvaison:
 20 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: 13.0%
Total Bottles Produced: 11,160

## Tasting Note

"Dark violet. Deep, dark toasty notes, toffee, violets, red berry fruit, and mint; there is so much going on in the nose, with a touch of reduction adding another layer of complexity and mystery. Broad as well as long, the fruit weight and flavours are mouth filling with acid, tannin and flavour in balance. This wine is seamless on the palate. My favourite of our 2012 Pinot Noirs."