

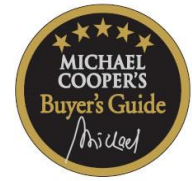
# ROCKBURN

CENTRAL OTAGO



## Rockburn Pinot Noir 2017

*Date Bottled:* 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
*Quantity Bottled:* 12,946 6-packs, 300 magnums



### VITICULTURE

Grape Variety & Clone:	100% Pinot Noir. Clones 10/5, 5, 6, Abel, 667, 777.
Training and Trellis:	Vertical Shoot Position (VSP)
Soils:	Gibbston 40cm topsoil over alluvial gravels Parkburn 10-15 cm loam over river gravel.
Vineyard Location:	Gibbston 12%, Parkburn 88%
Climate Comment:	Cool damp season.
Vintage Climate:	Damp to start but long dry finish.
Harvest Date:	3 <sup>rd</sup> April-6 <sup>th</sup> May
Viticulturist Comment:	A cool flowering period created massive berry variation.

### WINEMAKING

Winemaker:	Malcolm Rees-Francis
Fermentation:	7 tonne fermenters, 5 to 7 days cold maceration; fermentation over 1 week with daily plunging followed by post fermentation maceration for around 3 weeks. Some batches made good use of whole bunch inclusion.
Barrel élevage:	10 months in French oak; 35% new, 37% 1 year old.
Alcohol:	13.5%
Titrateable Acidity:	5.5 g/l
Residual Sugar:	< 1.0 g/l
pH level:	3.60
Vintage Comment:	Unusual variation in berry size and ripeness within each bunch has lead to great complexity this year.



### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage yielded beautiful fruit from each of our sites, which we have simply guided gently through to the bottle with minimal handling. Our “hands-off” approach delivers a pure expression of Central Otago to your glass; an expressive nose and deeply fruited palate displaying vibrant notes of red and black cherry, rich mocha and supple, silky tannins leading into a very long finish. As always this wine shows classic Rockburn elegance, integrity and balance. Enjoy with friends over the next 4-9 years.

### REVIEWS AND ACCOLADES

18.5/5★ - Raymond Chan, “The wine flows along a finely driven line with refined tannin structure and fresh acidity that lends energy and vibrancy to the mouthfeel. The wine carries to an elegant, sustained finish.”  
93 points – Bob Campbell MW  
95 points/5★ - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit “Splendidly composed and harmonious, offering terrific drinking.”  
5★ - Michael Cooper, “Mouthfilling and sweet-fruited, with deep, well-ripened plum, cherry and spice flavours, it is savoury and complex, with lovely harmony. A classy, youthful wine with obvious cellaring potential”

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