



Our Story

Rockburn takes its name from the rugged, rock-strewn, burn-scarred landscape of Central Otago, New Zealand. The region is renowned for its stunning scenery of rugged mountains and picturesque lakes.

Central Otago is the world's most southerly grape-growing region and at 45 degrees south, has a climate similar to Burgundy, France; the great Pinot Noir producing region of the world. Its climate coupled with the unique soils of the region produce premium wines of intense varietal characteristics.

Our Wines

Rockburn wines are hand-picked from our Parkburn and Gibbston Valley Vineyards; each site contributing fruit characteristics to reflect their unique terroir. They are then carefully crafted at our winery in Cromwell, to portray a pure expression of New Zealand's one true continental climate.

Pinot Gris

Ripe peach, nectarine and nashi pear aromas herald a vibrantly fruity off-dry palate. Its long zesty finish makes it a versatile accompaniment to many dishes from seafood to Asian-spiced.

Pinot Noir

Classic Central Otago Pinot Noir at its best; this exceptional wine shows a deeply fruited palate of red and black cherries with silky supple tannins and a long expressive finish.

Devils Staircase

Fun to drink and inspired by the winding road leading from Queenstown to Kingston along the shore of Lake Wakatipu and sourced from Rockburn's Central Otago vineyards, these wines take the willing down into the realm of decadence and Bacchanalian delight!

Pinot Gris

Flavors and aromas of Nashi Pear, ginger and lemon zest and a rich palate. The perfect accompaniment for cuisines with a bit of spice.

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Pinot Noir

A supple, full and fruity wine, this Pinot Noir is perfect with game dishes and barbequed meats.

Our Winemaker – Malcolm Francis

Four years studying Microbiology at the University of Otago drove Malcolm into a life of wine, beginning in Marlborough in 2000, sojourning at Lincoln University for a year and culminating in Central Otago.

Malcolm comes into the Rockburn fold from his four-year tenure as Felton Road Wines' Assistant Winemaker. His time there was devoted to learning about and making fine Pinot Noir, Riesling and Chardonnay and included three vintages working in Oregon, USA. His passion for wine is now one of the driving forces behind the future direction of Rockburn's wine portfolio.

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