	Vintage	(Hover for Commentary) Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score	Author	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
More Information →	2019	Valli Wine	Pinot Noir Gibbston Vineyard	This is a wine that makes you say "ahh," akin to taking your shoes off after being on your feet all day. It's fragrant and delicate with very fine tannins. It feels almost fragile, but don't be concerned; there is plenty of concentration here, and gorgeous purity of silken fruit plumps out the midpalate. Around a fifth of the wine underwent whole bunch, and maturation took place in 30% new oak, but there's no overt oaky character despite its youth. Inviting on release, the flavors of raspberry, wormwood and thyme linger on the medium-length finish. If I were being super picky, I'd love those haunting scents to linger a little longer. Otherwise, this wine has nailed it. -- Rebecca Gibb MW	95	Rebecca Gibb MW	2021 - 2028	Not Available	Mar 2021
More Information →	2019	Valli Wine	Pinot Noir Bendigo Vineyard	Full-bodied and mouth-filling, this offers clarity of fruit and real polish on the midpalate. It's all blackberry fruit, thyme and wormwood, then – *kerpow!* – here come the Bendigo tannins, a fistful of chalky tannic grip providing power and muscle that require bottle age to mellow, but mellow they will. The finish is lengthy and scented with tea leaf, dried herbs and spices. -- Rebecca Gibb MW	93	Rebecca Gibb MW	2023 - 2030	Not Available	Mar 2021
More Information →	2019	Valli Wine	Pinot Noir Waitaki Vineyard	From the marginal region of Waitaki in north Otago, where wine production is even more "on the edge" than central Otago. In 2019, that was reflected in a meager average bunch weight of just 45 grams –that's tiny. Unsurprisingly, the resulting wine has intense concentration wrapped up in a midweight, elegant frame. The aromas are distinctive – quite unlike anything you'd find in Central Otago – offering paprika, smoked meats, dried herbs and tapenade as well as ripe cherry fruit. It concludes by providing a precise, lengthy finish with a chalky, almost salty tannic texture. You have to have *cojones* to make wine here, but when it works, it really speaks of its sense of place. -- Rebecca Gibb MW	93	Rebecca Gibb MW	2022 - 2028	Not Available	Mar 2021
More Information →	2019	Valli Wine	Pinot Noir Bannockburn Vineyard	While nature wasn't kind to this site in Bannockburn in 2019, delivering, among other challenges, a cyclone and hail, this remains a mighty good showing, exuding a sense that it is untroubled by the tricky season. This is a midweight example with an impression of tenderness on the midpalate. It's a little shy and brooding at the moment, and abundant tannins provide a structured framework. The finish is fragrant, offering cherries, tea leaf, dried herbs, spice and a hint of graphite. -- Rebecca Gibb MW	92	Rebecca Gibb MW	2022 - 2028	Not Available	Mar 2021