

Valli Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016

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Location: Climate: Clones: Soils: Vine Age: Vine Density: Harvest Date: Brix at Harvest: Whole Bunch: Peak Fermentation Temp: Cuvaison: Oak Percentages: Coopers used: Fining: Filtering: Alcohol: Total Bottles Produced:

Lowburn, Central Otago Semi-Continental Abel, 115, 667 Sandy loams, glacial outwash, schist-derived Planted 2003 5000 vines/hectare 31 March 2016 24 25% 35°C 28 days 20% new Ana Selection, Francois Freres, Sylvain None None 13.5% 1.481

"Ted Lemon and Claire Mulholland of Burn Cottage have both been friends of mine for almost as long as I can remember. Ted, I first meet in Burgundy in1984. As far as I know he was the first foreign winemaker in a very traditional part of the French wine industry. He was an inspiration in realizing there are no boundaries: anything is possible in the world of wine. Since then we have worked closely together both at Chateau Woltner in Napa Valley and Archery Summit Winery in Oregon.

Claire and I worked side by side in the early days at Gibbston Valley Wines. We shared the joy of being the first winemakers to see fruit from many different Central Otago sites, made the first wines for a number of today's iconic Central Otago brands and were on one of the steepest learning curves in winemaking history.

When a discussion with Ted and Claire turned to the possibility of exchanging fruit as a way of gaining further understanding of our own sites, and of course having the pleasure of working with each other again, there was only one answer: YES!"

- Grant Taylor

Tasting Note

The 3rd vintage of our collaboration delivers a highly textural wine displaying more earthiness than previous vintages - perhaps a reflection of a warmer growing season. It has aromas of dark cherry, wild strawberry, liquorice, mushroom and earthy loam. The palate has a memorable creamy texture with fine tannin and great length. An intriguing wine in its youth that will continue to evolve with great interest for 10+ years.