



Valli Gibbston Vineyard Pinot Noir 2009

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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:	Approximately 950
Rainfall:	600mm per Annum
Vine Age:	Planted 2000
Yield:	3.8 Tonnes / Hectare
Vine Density:	4040 / Hectare
Trellis System:	VSP

Winemaking

Harvest Date:	18 April 2009
Brix:	24.5
pH:	3.55
T.A.:	6.1 g/l
Whole Bunch:	33%
Peak Fermentation Temp:	29°C
Oak Percentages:	New 32%, One Year 34%, Two Year 34%
Coopers Used:	Mercurey, Saury, Cadus, Francois Freres
Time in Barrel:	11 Months
Fining:	None
Filtering:	None
Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Cases Produced:	560

Tasting Note

Winemaker Grant Taylor describes this 2009 as "quintessential Gibbston" and possibly his best Pinot Noir to date. Highly perfumed with layers of aromatics, sweet earth, and dried herb spiciness, hints of floral violet and red fruits. Concentrated with long silky texture and flavours wrapped around a bright acid core, balanced by very fine ripe tannins. Consistency through palate, length and perfect balance define this wine.