



## Valli Waitaki Vineyard Pinot Noir 2009

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### Viticulture

<b>Location:</b>	Waitaki Valley, North Otago
<b>Climate:</b>	Maritime influenced
<b>Clones:</b>	UCD 5, Dijon 115
<b>Soils:</b>	Limestone based soil spread through river gravels
<b>GDD:</b>	Approximately 970
<b>Rainfall:</b>	600mm per Annum
<b>Vine Age:</b>	Planted 2001
<b>Yield:</b>	3.9 Tonnes / Hectare
<b>Vine Density:</b>	5,000 / Hectare
<b>Trellis System:</b>	VSP

### Winemaking

<b>Harvest Date:</b>	2 May 2009
<b>Brix:</b>	24
<b>pH:</b>	3.64
<b>T.A.:</b>	5.5 g/l
<b>Whole Bunch:</b>	30%
<b>Peak Fermentation Temp:</b>	31°C
<b>Oak Percentages:</b>	New 34%, One Year 33%, Two Year 33%
<b>Coopers Used:</b>	Sylvain, Mercurey
<b>Time in Barrel:</b>	11 Months
<b>Fining:</b>	None
<b>Filtering:</b>	None
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.5%
<b>Total Cases Produced:</b>	230

### Tasting Note

*The most savoury aromatics of Valli's three Pinot Noirs. Sweet earth and white pine mushroom, with some pretty floral, dried herb notes and red berry fruit in background. Often not picked until mid-May in this cooler climate, the grapes benefit from a very long hang time producing wines with fine tannins, incredible length and a chef's dream firm acid backbone.*