



2006 Valli Gibbston Vineyard Pinot Noir

Total Production: 1400 cases

Harvest Date: 16 April 2006

Bottling Date: 23 March 2007

VITICULTURE

Vine Clone: 777, UCD 5, UCD 6, 115, 113, 114

Vineyard Location: Gibbston Valley, Otago

Climate: semi-continental

Vines planted: 2000

Soils: Alluvial loess between .5 and 1 meter deep over firm river gravels & colluviums, very free-draining

Elevation: 350 meters

Rainfall: 600 mm/annum

GDD: 1000

Yield: 5 T/ha

Brix: 24.7

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: 25% whole bunch/75% de-stemmed; peak fermentation temperature 31 deg C;

35% new oak, 35% one year, 30% two year; post fermentation maceration time: 7 days

Alcohol: 13%

pH: 3.31

TA: 9.2 g/l

Fining: light egg white

Filtering: coarse (through 4 micron filter)

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Layered spice, cedar and violet aromatics.

Palate: Long silky textured mouth feel supported by a structure of bright acidity. This is the core and backbone which is complimented by the red fruits, dried tarragon, thyme and seasoned spices. Gibbston's length of flavour and longevity is due to this bright acidity whereas Bannockburn Pinots live more on their tannins.

AWARDS AND REVIEWS

Wine Spectator, 92 points, Top 2006 New Zealand Pinot Noir, May 2008

"Stylish and focused, with black cherry, wild berry, spice and mineral. Intense stone flavours weave through the fruit. 92 points."

Wine Advocate, 92 Points, May 2008

"The 2006 Gibbston Vineyard PN is evidence that Grant knows this land better than many, exhibiting an engaging, savoury-tinged nose with admirable concentration on the palate that is suffused with both texture and tension."

Cuisine Magazine, 5 Stars, Top Three 2006 Pinot Noirs, November 2007

"A more masculine style, beautifully put together, with an alluring violet-tinged aroma and black fruit richness."



5 Stars, Michael Cooper's Buyers Guide to New Zealand Wines 2008

“Deeply coloured, finely scented and supple, with rich cherry and plum flavours, beautifully ripe, fresh and vibrant. It's a classy, complex wine with excellent harmony and length.”

91 points, Stephen Tanzer, RO Imports, Sept/Oct 2007

“Good deep, bright red. Wild blackberry, minerals and exotic spices on the captivating nose complicated by dried herbs and flowers, no doubt due to the inclusion of some whole clusters. Sappy, spicy, sweet and concentrated, with pungent, chewy flavors of blackberry, exotic spices, orange peel and minerals...”

“Having worked in Napa, Grant was head winemaker at Gibbston Valley Wines for 13 years before founding his own label after purchasing 6.5 ha of vine in Gibbston. His wines are suffused with personality and charm and Grant obviously has an acute understanding of what makes great Pinot Noir.” Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, May 2008.