



*Kawarau*  
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**2006 RESERVE PINOT NOIR**

*Made with organically grown grapes; bottled by  
Kawarau Estate Ltd, 927 Wanaka Rd, Cromwell, New Zealand*

PRODUCT OF NEW ZEALAND

750 ml

Alc 13.5% by Vol.

## Kawarau Estate Reserve Pinot Noir 2006

Our Reserve Pinot Noir is open vat fermented and aged for 10 months in French oak barrels of which +/-25% are new with the balance being 1-5 years old. Harvested from our oldest vines in four or more distinct lots of which around 25% are whole bunch pressed, the wine is fermented with wild yeasts and undergoes minimal fining and filtration. Sweet berry fruits and savory flavors are combined with spicy characters on the palate to produce a rich and elegantly textured wine. It is a powerful, complex style of wine that can be enjoyed now or cellared for 5 years or more.

**Tasting Notes:** Displays dark cherries and plums complemented by spice. Elegantly structured, balanced with silky tannins and a lasting finish.

**Vintage Notes:** An outstanding vintage for Kawarau – good bunch weights, neither over nor under cropped and excellent quality fruit. An early spring threatened a longer frost-fighting season but it never came. The mild spring gave way to a long hot summer and an extended autumn. The excessive heat was counteracted with sufficient irrigation to quench the canopy's thirst and for the first time in a long time, we were picking with a green canopy – most unusual for Central Otago, but very welcome. The wines are looking good too – so 2006 could yet prove to be one of Central Otago's best.

**Cellar Until:** 2012

**Technical Notes:** Alcohol 13.5%

**Winemaker:** Dean Shaw, Central Otago Wine Company

**Awards:** 90 points, Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate, April 2008  
Gold 95/100 - Gourmet Traveler Wine  
Silver - Air NZ Wine Awards

**Reviews:** "Lovely wine with powerful dark cherry and spice flavors flattered by classy oak. Good mouth feel and a silken texture complete the picture. Irresistible now but has good cellaring potential. One of New Zealand's few fully certified organic reds." *Bob Campbell*