



Kawarau Estate Reserve Pinot Noir 2007

Certified Organically Grown Grapes

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: Until the autumn, the 2007 vintage saw some variable conditions and stark differences in the micro-climates of Central Otago. Spring came early but was followed by cool fronts and changeable weather through flowering. The summer heat didn't arrive until late on in the season but once here, it lingered on giving us an extended, mild autumn. As for Kawarau, we had a relatively successful flowering and although the pinot bunches came in lighter than 06, the autumn hang time allowed for excellent ripening and the development of complex characters in the fruit. Reminiscent of 2003 and 2005, this vintage's wines should show excellent structure and complexity.

Cellar Until: 2013+

Technical Notes: Alcohol 13.5%

Winemaker: Dean Shaw, Central Otago Wine Company

Awards: 91 points, Dean Tudor, Wine Writer's Circle of Canada
Silver 90/100, Bob Campbell, MW

Reviews: "The previous seven consecutive vintages have produced Gold medals. This one, just released, will also get Gold. Wild yeast used. Aged 10 months in French oak, complex but too young for drinking now. Tried against creamy cheeses." Dean Tudor

"Elegant wine in a lean and fairly drying style. It lacks the concentration of earlier vintages but still shows power in its impressively lingering finish. Attractive hints of floral with bright red cherry and spice. A wine for the cellar." Bob Campbell