

# PINOTREPORT

*for people passionate about western pinot noir*

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### MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

*"Deep and complex..."*

#### **Rippon Vineyard**

#### ***Pinot Noir Central Otago Lake Wanaka 2007***

Medium-deep ruby color; slightly closed, deep, complex earthy, stewed cherry aromas; rich, ripe, deep stewed cherry flavors, complex spice and earthy notes; a bit of tannin and toasty oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, complex Pinot with a lot of life ahead. Meanwhile, it is an amazing wine looking for a great short rib or similar concentrated, slow-cooked meat dish to complement.

**977 cases made    \$54    Score: 96**

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## About Our Tastings

We taste wine in flights of usually no more than 12 wines. All tasting unless otherwise noted is done blind by the Editor.

The tasting coordinator (who does not taste) arranges and bags all wines, which are then scored and comments recorded before bags are removed. Our tastings are done under controlled, consistent conditions.

Here is **PinotReport's** 100-point scale:

<b>96-100</b>	<b>SUPERIOR;</b> it doesn't get better.
<b>90-95</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING;</b> approaching the best
<b>86-89</b>	<b>ABOVE AVERAGE;</b> a good Pinot.
<b>80-85</b>	<b>AVERAGE;</b> OK if it's all you have.
<b>60-79</b>	<b>BELOW AVERAGE;</b> not recommended.
<b>50-59</b>	<b>UNDRINKABLE.</b>