

# STATION IMPORTS



## Station News

### Dean Shaw



Dean Shaw  
of The  
Central  
Otago Wine  
Company

*Dean is an extremely talented character with a somewhat droll sense of humor and an absolute passion for pinot noir. He makes wine for several of our vineyards including Kawarau Estate, Sleeping Dogs and Nevis Bluff.*

*Like most New Zealand winemakers, Dean continues to spend most of his winters immersing himself in the winemaking regions of Champagne, Burgundy, Alsace and South Africa. This travel has augmented his New Zealand education and experience and culminated in his passion for pinot noir, and especially the pinot noirs of Central Otago.*

*Dean's approach as winemaker is a natural one. He prefers to intervene with the wine as little as possible, using wild yeasts and serenading the wine with a stereo system of which most nightclubs would be envious. This approach enables the wine to reflect the character of the vineyard it comes from as faithfully as possible, and ensures individuality and excellence, as well as a good sense of rhythm.*

## Wine News



Nevis Bluff was one of the earliest vineyards to be established in the historic Gibbston Valley between the towns of Cromwell and Queenstown. The eight hectare vineyard was originally planted in 1993 on the site of an old apricot orchard at the eastern end of the Gibbston Valley, part of what was once a very large sheep station. The vineyard takes its name from the massive rock wall dominating the eastern end of the valley – the scourge of travellers to Central Otago since roads were first developed!

Recently the addition of a new shareholder has meant an ability to source fruit from the Pisa sub region close to the shores of Lake Dunstan in the Cromwell basin. This ability to source grapes from two separate sub regions in Central Otago provides a number of advantages, including the ability to blend the best from both regions. The unique microclimates of Central Otago produce very hot summers, large daily temperature variations and long, cool autumns.

The total vineyard area of Nevis Bluff is approximately 15 hectares with cropping levels at a maximum of five to five and a half tons per hectare. They have the potential to produce around 5000 cases annually, split equally between pinot gris and pinot noir.

The goal of Nevis Bluff is to produce small quantities of iconic wines which sell at the premium end of the market. They call themselves “The Pinot Specialists” and their viticulture and winemaking practices reflect this approach. The vines are hand managed to produce low crop levels and in the winery there is minimal intervention. Fermentation relies on the use of natural yeasts. They use French oak barrels and typically add around 30% of new barrels into the process each year.



**You will fall in love with the dramatic, mountainous landscape and the region's enticingly scented and supple pinot noirs.**

*Michael Cooper, Tourism New Zealand*

