

STATION IMPORTS



SLEEPING DOGS

Station News

The team here at Station Imports would like to take the opportunity to wish you the very best for the holiday season. In a year that was complete with controversy, strife and worry, please remember to take a moment to consider and appreciate all the little things that are still right in our world.

Remember that when winter is deepest here and the days are dark and cold, it's springtime in New Zealand!

What better time to break out a great Central Otago Pinot, Chardonnay or Riesling and imagine yourself in far away New Zealand, enjoying the warm spring days, mild soft winds and a spectacular bluebird sky.

Right now the last fingerings of a blustery winter have given way to the relaxed pace of the vineyard. It is the time when the vines begin to show the promise of the next vintage, to show great potential or hint of tough times to come with the harvest. The only certainty is that another season has begun and that there is time to enjoy what the days may bring.

So enjoy and appreciate what the days may bring to you, whether here in the wintery north or in warm sunny New Zealand. Remember to enjoy the holidays and celebrate the season. If you cannot be in the sunny southern latitudes, open a good Pinot and enjoy the fire with friends and family.

Cheers and Happy Holidays from all of us at Station Imports!

Wine News



SLEEPING DOGS STYLE

In the early 1990s, the actor Sam Neill convinced his friend, movie director Roger Donaldson, to buy a Gibbston Valley vineyard next door to his. Roger established a 20 acre vineyard in the shadow of Mount Rosa outside Queenstown and named it the Blair-Gunn Block in honor of his parents. But when it came to naming the wine from the vineyard, it was Roger's first film success, *Sleeping Dogs*, that appealed to his individual style, hence the name of this boutique wine.

One of the oldest in the Gibbston Valley, the Sleeping Dogs vineyard consists of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and is planted in a variety of clones carefully tended by viticulturist Richard Williams. Winemaker Dean Shaw crafts finely structured, fruit driven wines that are hand harvested and individually produced.

The 1977 movie *Sleeping Dogs* has become the cornerstone of the New Zealand film industry. It was the first New Zealand film that was a major international success: a New Zealand director incorporating international styles of filmmaking to bring the world New Zealand landscapes, locales and local accents. With the Sleeping Dogs label, Roger introduced the world to his Central Otago wines, incorporating international styles of winemaking to bring the world New Zealand terrior, style and flavor.



“ **Best bet for Pinot Noir; my money is on Central Otago. Their achievements are already substantial and yet it's early days.** ”

*Matt Kramer,
Wine Spectator, September 2008*

