

# BURN COTTAGE VINEYARD

*Burn Cottage  
Moonlight Race  
Pinot Noir 2015*



**Michael Coopers NZ Wine Buyers Guide 2017 ★★★★★**

The classy 2015 vintage was grown at three sites (including Burn Cottage Vineyard) in the Cromwell Basin, fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured in French oak casks (25 per cent new). Full-coloured, it is mouthfilling and savoury, with deep, ripe plum/spice flavours, good tannin support, and excellent complexity and harmony. Already 'open' and expressive, but well worth cellaring, it should break into full stride 2019+.

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW – The Wine Advocate,  
Issue 229, March 2017 – 91 Points**

Pale ruby-purple colored, the 2015 Burn Cottage Moonlight Race has a very pretty nose of crushed red cherries, raspberry preserves and rose hip tea with hints of potpourri and garrigue. Light to medium-bodied with a delicate palate of red berry and earthy flavors, it has beautifully silky tannins and great harmony in the long finish. Drink 2017-2022.

**Bob Campbell MW – 96 Points**

First released in the 2014 vintage Moonlight Race is a blend of grapes from Burn Cottage Vineyard (35%), Northburn Vineyard (35%) and Mark II Vineyard, with a mix of clones in each. 22.5% whole cluster. Similar in style to the regular Burn Cottage label but with more sweet fruit and a sappy influence adding complexity to berry, oak and floral flavours. A subtle and beguiling wine with finely pitched structure that allows access now while assuring a promising future. 1/5/2017

**Mike Bennie – Winefront Australia – 94 Points**

A blend of three vineyards here. The Burn Cottage crew have stepped out from the remarkable home vineyard, though I think it makes up about a third of the wine. Low on the oak so you can slam it down fast. Drink : 2016 – 2025

**Cameron Douglas Master Sommelier – 94 Points**

Fragrant and distinctive bouquet with a mix of floral, earth and fruit messages, noticeable, but not overdone oak, fine toasty layer with some kitchen spice attributes on the palate - dry, spicy, floral, fruity, mineral, dry, moderate tannins and plenty of acidity, lengthy and individualistic expression and finish. A lovely wine that can be cellared if desired; best drinking 2018 through 2024.

**The International Wine Report April 2017 – 95 Points**

The 2015 Moonlight Race is a beautiful Pinot Noir, which marries fruit from three Central Otago vineyards - Burn Cottage Vineyard, Northburn Vineyard, and Mark II Vineyard. Variations in soils, elevation, aspect combine to offer this beautiful expression of Central Otago Pinot Noir. Dark juicy fruits of plum and black cherry spread between spice layers with notes of ginger and lavender, with hints of clove and earthiness. The palate practically explodes with a fresh, fruity acidity and lingers with a bitter orange rind finish. In between are spicy cranberries and ripe juicy plums that make you salivate for more. Beautifully balanced with supporting wood undertones and freshness that are a pleasure now and will continue to develop complexity with time. (Best 2017-2027) - April, 2017

**Wine Spectator Editor's Choice - Most Exciting New Releases  
- M.W. – Wine Spectator May 2017 – 91 Points**

Exotic aromas of sandalwood and mahogany complement the pure red fruit flavors. Vanilla, cedar and forest floor details linger on the finish.

