

## Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir 2013

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### **2013 Burn Cottage Pinot Noir 93+**

Deep ruby-purple the 2013 Pinot Noir has a youthfully reticent, brooding nose with hints of black berries and plums plus underlying aged beef, chargrill, anise and lavender suggestions. Medium bodied, the palate reveals great ripeness packed into a relatively elegant package with a medium level of fine grained tannins- impressive texture in fact- harmonious acidity, and a good long finish.

Purchased by larger than life (even for an American) wine lover / distributor Marquis Sauvage in 2002, Burn Cottage is the new kid in this relatively new region. Judging from just the first commercially released vintage (2009) it was clear that Marquis has one goal in mind – produce a Pinot Noir of the utmost quality. Established in what classifies as the Lowburn sub- region, the vineyard was previously just grazing land and is somewhat separated from the rest of the vineyards in Lowburn. Planted on a north-east facing slope within a natural amphitheatre with soils that are unique to the Pisa / Lowburn area, its actually more like a monopole. Under the consultancy of Sonoma winemaker Ted Lemon ( of Littorai fame), the property was established employing biodynamic principals. In 2010, seasoned Central Otago / Lowburn winemaker Claire Mulholland left Amisfield to join the small but dynamic team. With six vintages now under their belt, Burn Cottage still only produces 1 wine, but it's 1 truly great one. During my visit in October Marquis and Claire presented me with a vertical of the 5 vintages produced thus far.

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Burn Cottage's fifth vintage reveals their strength and consistency. They got off to a flying start with an immensely seductive 2009 and have maintained a string of gold medal wines ever since. While lacking the flamboyant fruit and silkiness of the 2009 vintage this beautifully constructed wine gets a tick in every box. It is seamless, concentrated and teasingly restrained giving just a glimpse of what it will have to offer after bottle development. Classy wine with a great future. **Score 97**

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**Burn Cottage Central Otago Pinot Noir 2013** ★★★★★

This highly seductive red was estate-grown in the Cromwell Basin by the Nevada-based Sauvage family and crafted by winemaker Claire Mulholland (formerly of Martinborough Vineyard.) Matured in French oak barriques (22 per cent new), it is deeply coloured, with lovely ripeness and density. Still very youthful, it is rich and supple, with concentrated cherry, plum and spice flavours, integrated oak, and a finely textured, long finish. Best drinking 2018+.