



Burn Cottage Valli Vineyard 2015 Pinot Noir

Gibbston

Central Otago

Finished wine detail:	pH	3.81
	TA	4.8 g/l
	Alc	13.0%
Harvested:		20th April
Average Brix at harvest:		22.4
Whole cluster percentage:		23%
New oak percentage:		25%
Cooperages :		Damy
Average time in fermenter:		17 days
Clones:		UCD5 UCD6 Dijon 115 Dijon 777
Vine Age :		16 years
Plant density:		4050 vines/Ha
Bottled volume :		99 cases

Vintage Notes:

The season for Valli was marked by an excellent and long, drawn out summer. Some cool moments both at the start and end of the season gave the fruit a vibrancy which naturally compliments the vineyards usual concentration and depth of flavour. The season started with good soil moisture, and this coupled with warm a November, December and January, saw a beautiful clean fruit set throughout the vineyard. Mid to late season temperatures were slightly cooler than usual and a late season -3 frost marked the end of the season. The fruit at harvest was of great quality, soundness and concentration.

Winemaker Tasting Notes:

One of our dear friends in Central Otago is Grant Taylor, the former winemaker of Gibbston Valley Vineyards and proprietor of Valli Vineyards, one of the great producers of Central Otago. Grant is an iconic figure in Central, equally beloved for his wonderful wines and his quick wit. Over the course of several months in 2013 we decided that it would be great fun to swap grapes from each other's estate vineyard and make the wines, with each of us vineyard designating the result, and this is the second year of our collaboration doing so. In our view, there is no finer vineyard in the Gibbston region than Grant's. The professionalism, care and love which go into the management of this site are exemplary. The 2015 wine is lifted, a complex perfume of red fruit and black tea, smoke and exotic spice. Lovely savoury undertones of licorice, briar and blackberry follow. Textural and elegant, the supple tannins in this wine show lovely finesse and persistence through the palate. Whilst expressive now, expect this wine to cellar well.