



## Burn Cottage Valli Vineyard Gibbston Central Otago Pinot Noir 2014

**Michael Cooper** ★★★★★

For the 2014 vintage (5\*), Burn Cottage, based in the Cromwell Basin, drew grapes from the more elevated Valli Vineyard, at Gibbston (for their reverse swap, see Valli Burn Cottage Vineyard Central Otago Pinot Noir). Matured in French oak barriques (25 per cent new), it's a deep ruby, savoury, earthy, supple wine, with ripe cherry, plum, spice and dried herb flavours, a hint of licorice, gentle acidity, and lovely texture and harmony. Already delicious, it's a drink-now or cellaring proposition.

**Cameron Douglas MS – 92 Points**

Soft bouquet, quite fragrant and ripe with crushed black cherry and dark red apple skin; light brown spices and light toasty oak suggestions. On the palate - plenty of red fruit flavours laced with soft brown spice with a core of mineral and savoury complexities; fine to moderate tannins, medium+ acidity and lengthy finish, a complete wine, great balance and length. Drink now if decanted or cellar till 2020.

**Mike Bennie, The Wine Front – 93+ points** June 2016

Burn Cottage was once only about their single, amazing farm, but now ekes out a few wines from other sources, including the Valli Vineyard of Grant Taylor. Gibbston Valley can be tricky business for growing grapes, unforgiving at times, but seems Taylor has a great site and a knack...

It's a jammy yet crisp Central Otago wine in the mould of many of the high end wines of the region. Has that ripe cherry, Cherry Ripe scent going on with whiffs of sweet earth, tobacco, tomato leaf. The palate is juicy, raspberry jammy and yet crisp on rivulets of cranberry acidity, faintly malty with barely-there oak personality, and gets some tugs and tucks from a chalky sheet of tannin. Indeed, the wine finishes long but puckering in both tang and pretty dryness. Nicely done. Real nice.

**Nick Stock – Pinot Perfection – Gourmet Traveller Wine Oct 2016**

The 2014 Burn Cottage Valli Vineyard Pinot Noir is taken solely from local winemakers Grant Taylor's Gibbston Valley vineyard (as a fruit swap arrangement) and it has impressive fragrance and silky, seductive texture. It smells of spice-dusted cherries, raspberries and red plums; there's a good dose of bright perfume and red florals. On the palate it has a thread of toasted spices and concentrated red cherry/plum flavours. Silky from top to tail.