



Burn Cottage Valli Vineyard 2014 Pinot Noir

Gibbston

Central Otago

Finished wine detail:	pH	3.81
	TA	4.4
	Alc	13.7 %
Harvested:		23rd April
Average Brix at harvest:		23.7
Whole cluster percentage:		27%
New oak percentage:		25%
Cooperages :		Damy
Average time in fermenter:		21 days
Clones:		UCD5
		UCD6
		Dijon 115
		Dijon 777
Vine Age :		15 years
Plant density:		4050 vines/Ha

Vintage Notes:

Following a mild winter, there was a good amount of rain heading into spring, and decent soil moisture to start the season. Spring was warm, resulting in a much earlier than usual flowering, by nearly two weeks. There was great early season growth, with moisture, low wind, and favourable temperatures. Settled weather in December gave way to changeable conditions, and sometimes cool systems mid-season, with a marked effect on berry size. The result being small berries and increased fruit concentration. Later in the season saw a return of long hot days and mild nights, and a great Central Otago summer. A drier season than normal overall. Harvesting was nearing the end of April.

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. We share stories and visit each other's vineyard and cellars as often as we can. 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. 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 resulting wine has a lovely confectionary note to the aromas along with bright black cherry, rhubarb, spice, and plum tones. There is great intensity and concentration on the mid palate, with wonderful richness and very supple tannins. An elegant wine, with a very long and harmonious finish. This bottling shows extremely well in its youth and will age well for several years.

—Ted Lemon