



2014 Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir

DECANTER – December 2015, Vintage Report 2014: New Zealand Pinot Noir. 1st Equal Pinot Noir – 96 Points:

Seductive, floral and gently perfumes with a core of light red fruits and sweet oak. Softly spicy and organic. Complex, plush, soft, generous and enticing. Very fine tannins, exciting wine, long finish. Drink 2018-2020

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW – eRobertParker.com, #223 Mar 2016, 93+ Points.

Medium ruby-purple colored, the 2014 Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir has a profoundly perfumed nose with well-defined notes of violets, lavender, red roses and fragrant earth over a core of black cherries and mulberries plus a waft of cloves. Medium-bodied with a seamless backbone of finely grained tannins and lively acid, it gives an abundance of pure black and red berry flavors, finishing with superb length. Drink 2016-2023.

Cameron Douglas MS - 95 Points

Complex, fragrant, alluring and significant bouquet of Pinot Noir: Fragrant and organic layers with ripe red berry fruits, soft brown baking spices and complex layers of earth and dried herbs. On the palate - dry, fine and layered with youthful chalky tannins, plenty of acidity and packed with fine red berry fruit flavours; floral too with soft borage and violet moments; lengthy finish. A delightful example that will age well into the 2020s.

Bob Campbell MW 97 Points

Lovely scented pinot noir, with cherry, floral and violet aromas that continue onto the palate where plum, spice and a hint of savoury, earthy character is also evident.

A dense, silken-textured wine with considerable power and length. 12/8/2016 Drink 2016 to 2022

Stephen Tanzer – Vinous - 92+ Points

Dark, bright red. Fresh, subtly complex aromas of dark berries, violet and minerals, plus a whiff of wild thyme. Juicy, vibrant and penetrating; classically dry but utterly seamless as well, with the red and darker fruit flavors energized by spices, flowers and white pepper. Most impressive today on the very long, firm finish, which leaves the palate vibrating. This superb Central Otago Pinot Noir needs at least a couple more years in the bottle to harmonize and blossom. California winemaker Ted Lemon (Littorai Wines) consults extensively here, directing grape-growing and winemaking, with Claire Mulholland, the ex-winemaker at Amisfield, serving as general manager and associate winemaker. Drinking Window 2018-2026.

Mike Bennie, The Wine Front: May 2016 - 93 Points

Burn Cottage now have a small range of wines, including a white blend. They are sourcing from further afield too, with a pinot noir from Gibbston Valley set alongside their 'Moonlight Race' pinot noir wine. The home vineyard, however, is glorious in its biodynamic feel, with bird and bees and flowers and trees (and farm animals and beehives and the like) defining the verdant site. It's a wildly drinkable, lighter-ish expression of Central Otago pinot noir. It's still full throttle in dark cherry, cola, anise, wet earth and clove-wood spice scents, but the palate sits expansive and more subdued. A lake of placid, dark cherry fruit with a spread of glistening acidity. The wine shows bright fruit, slightly sweet fruit then finishes crisp and with a burr of dusty, puckering tannin. It's got a feel of elegance and restraint while offering high drinkability. I like it.

Michael Cooper ★★★★★

Estate-grown in the Cromwell Basin, the 2014 vintage (5*) was hand-harvested and matured in French oak barriques (29 per cent new). Full-coloured, it is scented, savoury and silky-textured, with ripe cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours that build to a long, well-rounded, very harmonious finish. A complex, ageworthy red, it's already delicious, but likely to be at its best 2018+.

Nick Stock – Pinot Perfection – Gourmet Traveller Wine Oct 2016

Call it a home-ground advantage, but the best of their 2014s is the Burn Cottage Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir a bold, flavoursome, polished and utterly delicious Central Otago pinot from the Sauvage Family Vineyard at the southern end of the Pisa Range in the Cromwell Basin. The personality and power of this wine is deftly captured, delivered as a super fresh and beautifully balanced pinot. Aromas run from orange rind to blueberries, raspberries, red cherries and sweetly toasted oak spice. The palate is pitch perfect, to the point that it seems almost weightless, yet there's a bright and pure core of blueberry and red cherry flavour. Fine tannins command respect, the acidity sits just right, brambly red and blue fruit flavours hold fresh right through to the cherry pip finish. Delicious now, it will deliver even more with five-plus years in bottle.