



Burn Cottage MOONLIGHT RACE Pinot Noir 2017

Finished wine detail:	pH	3.65
	TA	5.0
	Alc	13.1%
Commenced Harvest:		25 March 2017
Finished harvest		26 April 2017
Average Brix at harvest:		22.5
Whole cluster percentage:		14%
New oak percentage:		23%
Cooperages:		Damy and Sylvain
Average time in fermenter:		20 days
Composition:		Burn Cottage Vineyard :24%
		Block 2: Clones 667, 10/5, 115, Abel
		Northburn Vineyard: 20%
		Golf and Dam Blocks : Clones 5 and 6
		Mark II Vineyard: 56%
		Blocks P, N, O: Clones 777, 667, 115, 113, 10/5

The 3 sites in Central Otago New Zealand : Burn Cottage Vineyard is a natural northeast facing amphitheatre at the south end of the Pisa Range in the Cromwell Basin. The site is to the West of Lake Dunstan, and just south of the 45th Parallel. Elevation 240-310 metres. The soils are derivatives of broken down schist and granite, old river beds and outwash of ancient glaciers. They are classified as free draining sandy loams, with the steeper slopes having more rock and gravel, and lower elevations slightly heavier soils. Vine age 12-14 years. The vineyard and property are managed utilising biodynamic principles.

Northburn Vineyard is located in the Cromwell Basin on the East Bank of Lake Dunstan. Gently sloping Northwest to Southeast. Elevation 200 -257 metres. Soils are a mix of glacial fans and washes previously used for alluvial gold: stony loams, river stones, clays and schist. Vine age 13-17 years. Our rows were managed to organic principles.

Mark II Vineyard is located in the foothills of the Pisa range north of Lowburn around 12 km from Cromwell, it is set on North and East facing slopes at elevations 250-350 metres. The blocks are differentiated by soil and aspect, they originate from tertiary glacial deposits : fine clays, schist, quartz, manganite and free draining gravel loams. Vine age 16 years. Sustainably Farmed.

Vintage Notes: We experienced a mild winter, and after an initially dry spring, there were periods of rain. Early bud-burst was followed by cooler temperatures aside from brief heat spikes in November. Windy conditions started in November and December was also relatively cool and flowering a little patchy. Mild conditions prevailed through to mid-February, with rain at times and nights often dipping below 10 degrees Celsius . Wind continued to be a challenge and vine canopies were quite low in vigour. By late February the temperatures lifted and veraison had gone well. Crops were low due to the season, however ripening progressed well, with harvest commencing in late March.

Tasting Note: Very expressive with bright red and black fruit notes, spice, tea and earth tones. There is a real elegance to the palate, which is savoury, supple and complex, with fine tannins extending throughout. Lovely bright focus and length. We expect this wine to cellar for up to 8 years.