



Doctors Flat

2013 Pinot Noir *Tasting Notes*

ORIGIN *Doctors Flat Vineyard,
Bannockburn, Central Otago*

GROWER *Steve Davies*

WINEMAKER *Steve Davies*

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Doctors Flat Pinot Noir has aromas of dark cherry and violets with floral and briar overtones. The palate has fine tannin, very good texture and a nice concentration of primary fruit. Briar and earth notes add line, complexity and length. Enjoy.

CELLARING

This wine will be rewarding to keep and enjoy over the next decade.

VINEYARD & FARMING

Doctors Flat Vineyard is a single 3-hectare block in Bannockburn. The site is unusual in our region, composed of deep gravels laid down by receding glaciers some 480,000 years ago. We now see the advanced soil age as something that contributes to the fine tannin and good texture of Doctors Flat Pinot.

The vineyard is farmed organically, primarily to support and improved the soil health. We know a healthy and abundant soil micro life maintains a symbiotic relationship with the vines and it breaks down the native material to source nutrients. This connection in turn, produces grapes and wine that are shaped by the soil.

WINEMAKING

I employ a simple format of small open tanks, close attention, minimal intervention and a very light hand in the extraction process.

In 2013 26% of the fruit went directly to tank as whole bunches, fermentation occurred without added yeast. After 4 weeks the wine was drained to French oak barrels (25% new), malolactic conversion is delayed until spring and SO₂ not added until mid summer. After a full 12 months in barrel the wine is racked to tank for its second winter. 18 months after harvest the wine was bottled without fining or filtration.



WINE DATA

Clones:	<i>Dijon 115, 777, 114</i>
Residual sugar:	<i>Nil</i>
Titratable acidity:	<i>5.13 g/L</i>
pH:	<i>3.65</i>
Alcohol:	<i>13.8%</i>
Harvest dates:	<i>8th, 11th & 13th April 2013</i>
Brix at harvest:	<i>24.9 to 25.2 brix</i>
Bottled:	<i>24th September 2014</i>
Production:	<i>947 dozen</i>
RRP:	<i>\$46</i>

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