



# Doctors Flat

## 2010 Pinot Noir *Tasting Notes*

**ORIGIN** *Doctors Flat Vineyard,  
Bannockburn, Central Otago*

**GROWER** *Steve Davies*

**WINEMAKER** *Steve Davies*

### **TASTING NOTES**

The Doctors Flat 2010 Pinot Noir is a luscious and supple wine with concentrated layers of red berries, floral notes and a barely concealed savoury edge. Long and seamless, the fine tannins give balance and great texture. This wine has an exciting future.

This is an age-worthy wine and will reward those who are able to cellar it well, for up to 10 years.

### **VITICULTURE**

Doctors Flat Vineyard is a single 3-hectare site in Bannockburn. The soil is deep gold-bearing gravels laid down by receding glaciers some 480,000 years ago. Farming the vineyard organically continues to improve the soil health and a thriving and diverse micro life will deliver a complex mix of elements to the vine roots; this in turn infuses the character of site into the grapes and wine.

### **WINEMAKING**

20-plus years of winemaking has convinced me that the simple format of small open tanks, close personal attention, and minimal intervention will produce the most authentic and worthy wine. The winemaker becomes the guide and supporter for a series of naturally occurring processes.

In 2010 about 20% of the fruit went directly to tank as whole bunches, fermentation occurred without adding yeast and punch downs were kept to a minimum. After 27 days the wine was drained to (1/3 new) French oak barrels. The malolactic conversion was delayed until spring and SO<sub>2</sub> not added until mid summer. After a full 12 months in barrel the 2010 blend was racked into a small tank and allowed to settle through the cold winter months.

18 month after harvest, on October 10th 2011 the 2010 Pinot was bottled without fining or filtration.



### **WINE DATA**

Clones:	<i>Dijon 115, 777, 114</i>
Residual sugar:	<i>Nil</i>
Titratable acidity:	<i>5.9 g/L</i>
pH:	<i>3.65</i>
Alcohol:	<i>14%</i>
Harvest dates:	<i>21 &amp; 22 April 2010</i>
Brix at harvest:	<i>24.5, 25.1 brix</i>
Bottled:	<i>27 August 2010</i>
	<i>205 cases made</i>

## Wine of New Zealand

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