

Doctors Flat



2012 Pinot Noir Tasting Notes

ORIGIN	<i>Doctors Flat Vineyard, Bannockburn, Central Otago</i>
GROWER	<i>Steve Davies</i>
WINEMAKER	<i>Steve Davies</i>

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Pinot Noir from Doctors Flat has aromas of black cherry, violets and red florals, with dry herb and earth notes adding to the complexity. It's sophisticated, rich and lively on the palate, with velvety texture and a long, fine finish. Enjoy.

The wine is drinking well now but it will be rewarding to cellar and drink progressively over the next decade.

VINEYARD & FARMING

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.

The improving soil health clearly shows the benefit of the organic farming programme. The healthy and abundant soil micro life is that makes soil work, it process's the native material and delivers a complex mix of nutrients to vine roots; this in turn will produce a complex wine, shaped by the soil and site.

WINEMAKING

My years of winemaking has shown me, the simple format of small open tanks, close attention, and minimal intervention is the way to produce worthy wine that reflects its vineyard of origin.

In 2012; 26% of the fruit went directly to tank as whole bunches, fermentation occurred without added yeast, the extraction process was very gentle, relying on the grape composition and extended time in tank. After 4 weeks the wine was drained to French oak barrels, malolactic conversion is delayed until spring and SO2 not added until mid summer. After a full 12 months in barrel the blend is decided and selected lots are racked to tank. This year the wine had a single filtration in May then left for a further 5 months and a second winter in tank. 18 months after harvest the wine was bottled without fining or other additions.



WINE DATA

Clones:	<i>Dijon 115, 777, 114</i>
Residual sugar:	<i>Nil</i>
Titrateable acidity:	<i>5.57 g/L</i>
pH:	<i>3.72</i>
Alcohol:	<i>13.4%</i>
Harvest dates:	<i>12 & 13 April 2012</i>
Brix at harvest:	<i>23.9 to 25.1 brix</i>
Bottled:	<i>2 October 2013</i>
Production:	<i>930 dozen</i>

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