



# Doctors Flat

## 2014 Pinot Noir *Tasting Notes*

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

**GROWER** *Steve Davies*

**WINEMAKER** *Steve Davies*

### TASTING NOTES

Deep dark red. Aromatic nose with scents of raspberry, cherry and rose. Mouthfilling, rich and savoury, displaying good thickness of texture, excellent complexity and a noteworthy mid palate energy. Finishes with good fruit and fine grained tannin, approachable now.

### CELLARING

Rewarding now but also worthy of cellaring for ten years or more.

### 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 that the advanced soil age of this site contributes to the fine tannin and good texture of Doctors Flat Pinot Noir.

The vineyard is farmed organically, primarily to support and improved the soil health. We know a healthy and abundant soil micro life is good for vine health. The micro life breaks down and consumes the native material which in turn feeds the vines. This relationship between soil and vine is a big part of the connection between wine and the place it's grown.

### WINEMAKING

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

In 2014 30% 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 SO<sub>2</sub> 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>4.67 g/L</i>
pH:	<i>3.76</i>
Alcohol:	<i>13.5%</i>
Harvest dates:	<i>March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> 2014</i>
Brix in tank:	<i>23.6 to 24.1 brix</i>
Bottled:	<i>25<sup>th</sup> September 2015</i>
Production:	<i>958 dozen</i>
RRP:	<i>\$48</i>

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