



# Doctors Flat

## 2008 Pinot Noir *Tasting Notes*

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

**GROWER** *Steve Davies*

**WINEMAKER** *Steve Davies*

### TASTING NOTES

The 2008 Doctors Flat Pinot Noir is a subtle and complex wine. Lifted floral, red jam and briar aromas lead into blackberry, violets and a note of French oak on the palate. The texture is seamless and silky with fine tannins that offer fibre and presence through to the lingering finish. This is a wine of many parts, balanced from start to finish.

The 2008 Pinot Noir is a pleasure to drink now but will reward those who are able to cellar this wine for up to 10 years.

### VITICULTURE

Doctors Flat Pinot Noir is produced from a single 3-hectare vineyard in Bannockburn. The soil is gold-bearing gravels deposited by receding glaciers about 480,000 years ago. Farming is labour intensive and driven by principles of quality before quantity, and terroir before technology.

### WINEMAKING

Guided by 20-plus years of experience, I'm confident the simple format of small open tanks, close personal attention, but minimal intervention will produce the most authentic and worthy wine. The winemaker becomes the guide and supporter of a natural fermentation process.

About 16% of the fruit went directly to tank as whole bunch, no yeast was added and punch downs were kept to a minimum. After about three weeks in tank the wine was drained to (1/3 new) French oak barrels, for 12 months. The malolactic conversion was delayed until spring and SO<sub>2</sub> not added until mid summer. During harvest 2009 the wine was racked clean into small tanks then allowed to settle through the cold winter months. It was bottled on 25 September 2009 without fining or filtration.



### WINE DATA

Clones:	<i>Dijon 114, 777</i>
Residual sugar:	<i>Nil</i>
Titrateable acidity:	<i>5.6 g/L</i>
pH:	<i>3.70</i>
Alcohol:	<i>13.8%</i>
Harvest dates:	<i>15 and 20 April 2008</i>
Brix at harvest:	<i>24.2, 25.5 brix</i>
Bottled:	<i>25 September 2009</i>
	<i>196 cases made</i>

## Wine of New Zealand

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