

COAL PIT

CENTRAL OTAGO

COAL PIT | PINOT NOIR VERTICAL SELECTION

Coal Pit Pinot Noir generally peaks around 3-4 years of age, with some secondary character profiles apparent while retaining fruit vibrancy. With careful cellaring flavours will age gracefully into more tertiary characters of leather and beef tea, around 8 years old.

The Tiwha is our flagship Pinot Noir, named after Rosie's late father. A consistently high performer that complements every occasion.

TASTING NOTES

COMMENTS

2020 TIWHA PINOT NOIR

An exotic and earthy bouquet where dried herbs, dusty leather, and Chinese five-spice abound. An ethereal and complex palate of cherries and strawberries follows, while tomato leaf is gracefully intertwined with delicate fine tannin. The bright acid and schist derived minerality complement well with the umami nuances. The transparency of Pinot Noir shows a true expression of an atypical year in Gibbston with poise and refined elegance. A challenging vintage with cooler weather and COVID restrictions.

2019 TIWHA PINOT NOIR

Dark cherry aromatics with savoury cocoa undertones, underpinned with delicate notes of dried herbs. Structured tannins extend the length of the palate, signifying great ageability for this wine. An elegant yet powerful Pinot Noir, where depth of fruit and tannin abound, balanced with the delightful acidity that our Coal Pit site is known for.

From a roller coaster vintage with frosts and snow throughout the growing season, but delivered excellent fruit with an extended settled Autumn. Produced under organic conversion with some whole bunch fermentation contributing to the warm spice notes.

*19+/20 points (96 points) Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews 2021

*5 stars (96 points) Sam Kim WineOrbit 2021

*19/20 points, Joelle Thomson 2021

2018 TIWHA PINOT NOIR

An extremely approachable wine from the outset showing a perfumed nose with crushed rose petal and lavender, Damson plums and bramble berry underpinned by delicate dried herbs and thyme, reflective of the Central Otago terroir. Dark red fruits and cranberry abound on the palate with elegant and delicately integrated tannins finely balanced by a minerality typical of the Coal Pit vineyard. Showing good palate tension and linear length. From an even, early vintage.

*Interpak Trophy, Pinot Noir of the Year, Winestate Magazine Wine of the Year Awards 2021

*Trophy (Sustainable, NZ Red, NZ PN, Gibbston PN) International Wine Challenge 2020

*5 stars (95 points) Sam Kim WineOrbit 2019

*92 points 'Outstanding,' Cameron Douglas Master Sommelier 2019

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2017 TIWHA PINOT NOIR

The nose opens with warm lifted aromatics of dried herb and game, followed by vibrant Doris plum, blueberry and raspberry in the mid palate. The finish of this wine is warm and envelopes with forest floor, mocha and fine persistent tannins, contributing to a long soft palate underpinned by a taut backbone of minerality.

The 2017 growing season was one of our more challenging to date, with cool weather during berry development. However, the warm Central Otago Autumn meant we had no frost or disease pressure, allowing fruit to hang on the vines until the ideal sugar levels and phenolic ripeness were reached. Overall, volumes were down but quality remained.

*5 Stars, Winestate, NZ Listener Magazine, Wine Food Travel 2019

*5 stars, Yvonne Lorkin, Michael Cooper, Sam Kim WineOrbit 2019

2016 TIWHA PINOT NOIR

A lifted nose of warm spice, rose petals and dried herbs, with a fresh and supple mid palate. Vibrant plum and mocha lead the way into a warm, savoury finish of wild game and hallmark forest floor characters. An elegant cool climate Pinot Noir already showing well integrated and silky tannins underpinned by well-balanced acidity as a backbone to the wine. From one of our warmest vintages to date.

* Top 100 & Blue Gold Medal (judged with food), Sydney International Wine Challenge 2018

* VC Cellar Press, Winner Best Premium Red 2018

* 5 stars, Michael Cooper, Raymond Chan & Sam Kim WineOrbit 2018

*5 Stars, Winestate, North & South, Wine NZ Magazine 2018

2015 TIWHA PINOT NOIR

Aromas of Parma violets and spice are followed with Doris plum, blueberry and flint, while new French oak imparts vanilla, chocolate and dried spice. The 2015 vintage demonstrates all the classic hallmarks of Gibbston Pinot Noir; game, forest floor and delicate herbs underpinned by integrated fine tannins. 10% whole bunch during fermentation helps impart a subtle spice.

* Star of Central Otago, 5 Stars, Harpers Wine & Spirit 2018

* 94/100 Peter Richards MW, Decanter 2018

* 5 Stars, Sam Kim, Michael Cooper, Peter Saunders 2016

ROSIE'S MATCH

Enjoy with a wide range of food, however our Pinot Noir matches exceptionally well with duck, lamb, mushroom and truffle dishes. A broad array of spices including aniseed and cinnamon can successfully be paired to the wine's flavours - get creative and best of all, enjoy with good company.

