Burn Cottage

Burn Cottage Sauvage Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021 is a captivating single-vineyard wine , expressing Bannockburn's rugged beauty through its layered aromatics, elegant structure, and vibrant energy.

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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Central Otago, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

Sourced exclusively from the **Sauvage Vineyard** in Bannockburn, Central Otago, this site is located on the **north-east side of Felton Road**, a subregion celebrated for its world-class Pinot Noir. Planted in **1999**, the vineyard spans 5.8 hectares and features five clones of Pinot Noir (**115, 777, 667, 6, and 5**) on diverse rootstocks.

The soils, part of the **Bannockburn series**, are deep silt loams with quartz sands, schist, and gravel, offering excellent drainage and promoting concentrated flavors. The vineyard, transitioning to **biodynamic practices**, benefits from the region's **high diurnal temperature range** and long, dry growing season, creating conditions ideal for ripening Pinot Noir.

Winemaking

The winemaking approach reflects Burn Cottage's **low-intervention philosophy**, emphasizing purity and terroir expression. The grapes were harvested from **March 25 to April 9, 2021**, with an average Brix of **23.8**. **7% whole clusters** were included in the fermentation, which lasted **17 days**, followed by gentle punchdowns to extract color and tannins.

The wine was aged in **French oak barrels** for 10 months, with **18% new oak** from Damy, Mercurey, and Sylvain cooperages. Bottled without filtration, the resulting wine showcases a fine balance between fruit, structure, and elegance.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red with a bright, translucent core.
- **Aroma**: Inviting notes of wild thyme, floral violets, savory spices, and wet stones layered with rich dark fruit like black cherry and plum.
- **Palate**: Supple and vibrant, with layers of dark fruit, pepper, and earthy undertones. A fine tannin structure underpins the wine, offering focus, length, and excellent aging potential.

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Did you know?

The **Sauvage Vineyard** is named after Marquis Sauvage, the estate's founder, and reflects the untamed beauty of Bannockburn. The hills around the vineyard were once rich in gold but are now cloaked in wild thyme and rosehip, adding aromatic complexity to the wine.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with red currant glaze**: The wine's dark fruit and savory notes complement the richness of the duck and the tartness of the sauce.
- **Herb-crusted lamb chops**: Its fine tannins and earthy tones balance the herbaceous and meaty flavors.
- **Mushroom and truffle risotto**: The wine's layered complexity aligns perfectly with the umami-rich flavors of the dish.
- **Aged cheddar or Gruyère**: The wine's vibrant acidity and dark fruit enhance the creamy and nutty character of these cheeses.

Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2021)

The 2021 Sauvage Vineyard Pinot Noir is supremely pretty. It's elegant and fine and still powerful, thanks to the Bannockburn area; however, the wine itself shows rose petals and spring flowers, graphite and pencil lead, white pepper and tapenade. Svelte and sleek, this is composed and detailed and so, so good. I am (mostly) resisting hyperbole and adverbs here. This is a standout wine from a superstar producer—an asset for the region and indeed the country (and the New World in general). 13.5% alcohol, sealed under natural cork.