



## Burn Cottage

With its perfumed bouquet, refined tannins, and mineral backbone, Burn Cottage Pinot Noir 2021 is a quintessential representation of New Zealand Pinot Noir excellence.

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### Pinot Noir 2021

Central Otago, New Zealand

#### Region and Vineyards

The wine originates from **Burn Cottage Vineyard**, a **5.8-hectare biodynamic estate** situated in **Central Otago**. This **north-east-facing vineyard**, established in 1999, lies on low-vigor soils composed of **lake-bed silts, loams, quartz sands, and schist gravels**, enriched by pockets of pedogenic lime—a rare feature in semi-arid soils.

The region's **continental climate** delivers warm days and cool nights, preserving the natural acidity of the grapes while allowing for a slow and even ripening process. The **2021 growing season** featured a warm spring with occasional frost scares, followed by favorable dry weather during harvest, resulting in smaller but highly concentrated yields.

#### Winemaking

Burn Cottage's approach to winemaking is deeply rooted in biodynamic principles. The grapes were harvested between **March 19th and April 6th**, with an average **Brix of 23.2**. The fruit underwent **7% whole-bunch fermentation**, adding complexity to the wine's aromatics and structure. Fermentation lasted for **17 days**, with gentle manual punchdowns.

The wine was aged for **10 months in French oak barrels, 18% of which were new**, sourced from cooperages like Damy, Mercurey, and Sylvain. Minimal sulfur was used, and the wine was bottled without filtration to preserve its natural character.

#### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Medium ruby with a vibrant hue.
- **Aroma:** Aromatic layers of cherry, violets, and spices, accented by bramble and wet stone minerality.
- **Palate:** Supple and refined, showcasing red and dark fruits, elegant floral notes, and savory spices. Fine tannins frame the wine, leading to a long, balanced finish.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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### Did you know?

Burn Cottage is the **only estate in Central Otago farmed biodynamically since its inception**, a commitment inspired by winemaker Ted Lemon's philosophy. The estate's name pays homage to the road it sits on, but also reflects the estate's connection to nature and holistic farming.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with cherry sauce:** The wine's red fruit and acidity complement the rich flavors of the duck.
- **Roast pork with herbs and apple:** Its savory and fruity balance enhances the dish's sweet and herbal notes.
- **Wild mushroom tart with thyme:** The earthy and floral elements of the wine align beautifully with this umami-rich dish.
- **Aged Gouda or Brie:** The wine's minerality and finesse pair excellently with creamy, nutty cheeses.



#### Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2021)

*The 2021 Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir is alive and energetic, svelte and composed. As I write this, I am sitting at the bottom of the Burn Cottage Vineyard in Lowburn, looking up the rows. This is a mineral, nuanced expression, with graphite and white tea, pomegranate pearls, raspberry licorice, rosehips and crushed pink peppercorns. This is what I came here for. It's thrilling, lacy, delicate and focused. Exciting wine, exciting drinking. It sits on the palate nicely—evenly weighted, and it spools through the long finish... yes! 13.5% alcohol, sealed under natural cork.*



#### Wine Spectator (WS) : 95 Points (2021)

*This vibrant red offers an energetic mix of black cherry, blueberry preserves, chai tea, black pepper and dried rose petal, with a whiff of hinoki incense. The plump tannins are stretched across the firm structure, creating a velvety impression on the long finish. Drink now through 2036.*



#### James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)

*Baked strawberries, pomelo zest and potpourri with underlying sweet spices of red licorice and ground cloves. Medium-bodied, finely-grained silky tannins with refreshing acidity. A hint of tomato leaf notes at the end. Zesty and flavorsome. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.*



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