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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Central Otago, New Zealand

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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.

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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.