

Burn Cottage

The Burn Cottage Pinot Noir is an elegant and perfumed Pinot Noir from Central Otago, showcasing the region's vibrant fruit, floral notes, and mineral complexity.

BURN COTTAGE

Pinot Noir 2020

Central Otago, New Zealand



Region and Vineyards

Burn Cottage is situated in the **Central Otago** wine region, renowned for producing some of the best **cool-climate Pinot Noir** in the world. The region's **continental climate**, with its warm days and cool nights, allows the grapes to ripen slowly while preserving vibrant acidity and freshness. The vineyard's high **planting density** of **5,000 vines per hectare** encourages vine competition, resulting in more concentrated and expressive fruit.

The **2020 growing season** in Central Otago began with cool temperatures and regular rainfall in November and December, extending the flowering period. However, warmer conditions in January and February ensured even ripening, while cooler days in March allowed the fruit to develop complexity and maintain excellent natural acidity. This extended ripening period gave the wine a refined balance between concentration and freshness.

Winemaking

The **Burn Cottage Pinot Noir** was harvested with an average **Brix** of **23.5** at harvest. The winemaking process focuses on minimal intervention to preserve the purity of the fruit. Only **7% whole clusters** were included in the fermentation, adding structure and complexity without overpowering the wine's delicate aromatics.

The grapes were fermented in open-top fermenters, spending an average of **18 days on the skins** for gentle extraction of tannins and color. The wine was then aged for **11 months** in **25% new French oak barrels**, sourced from the **Damy** and **Mercurey** cooperages. This careful use of oak contributes subtle depth and complexity while allowing the bright fruit and floral notes to take center stage.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

VOYAGEURS DU VIN

DISTRIBUTED BY

WWW.VOYAGEURSDUVIN.COM

BURN COTTAGE

Pinot Noir 2020

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma**: Perfumed aromas of **red cherry**, **violets**, and **spice**, layered with savory notes of **bramble** and hints of **wet riverstone** minerality.
- **Palate**: The palate is refined and layered, with flavors of **red cherry** and **violet** complemented by subtle spices and earthy elements. Fine-grained tannins give the wine a silky texture, extending through a long, vibrant finish. There's a wonderful balance of freshness, intensity, and structure.

Did You Know?

Burn Cottage follows **biodynamic principles**, ensuring that the vineyard is in harmony with its environment. The vines are cultivated using natural methods, and the entire farming process is aligned with lunar cycles. This holistic approach enhances the health of the soil and vines, contributing to the purity and expressiveness of the wines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with cherry sauce**: The wine's red cherry and floral notes complement the richness of the duck, while the acidity cuts through the fat.
- **Mushroom risotto**: The earthy flavors of the mushrooms pair beautifully with the wine's subtle spice and savory elements.
- **Herb-crusted lamb**: The wine's fine tannins and vibrant acidity balance the richness of lamb, creating a harmonious pairing.
- **Grilled salmon with herb butter**: The wine's acidity and minerality are a perfect match for the richness of salmon, enhancing the dish's flavors.

96 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 96 Points (2020)

Aromatic, succulent, fresh and distinctive, with fleshy black cherry, blueberry and marionberry flavors at the core—but that's just the beginning, as details of fresh clove cigarette, white truffle, chai, dried lavender and a whiff of sandalwood emerge on a delicate, juicy frame, with the tannins lingering in the background. (MW) (11/2022)

95

Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2020)

The 2020 Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir is spicy, savory and fine. leading with wild thyme and dried herbs, cherry, blood plum skin, white pepper, tobacco and brine. The wine is less supple than the Moonlight Race, which is immediately appealing and open, but far more complex and unfurling through the finish. This is long and complex and intriguing in its outlay of flavor. It is floral, but it has a swathe of sweet meat character that just sits at the perimeter of the wine. There's raw cocoa and a hint of black tea to close. Exciting wine. 13.5% alcohol, sealed under natural cork.

BURN COTTAGE

Pinot Noir 2020

94 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2020)

A tight, fine pinot with aromas of cloves, licorice, dark cherries, lemons and grilled herbs. Medium-bodied with tight tannins. Spicy and savory with a precise, lengthy finish. From organically grown grapes. (9/2022)

VOYAGEURS DU VIN

DISTRIBUTED BY

WWW.VOYAGEURSDUVIN.COM