



CABLE BAY RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2012 Central Otago

Cable Bay Vineyards is dedicated to crafting exquisite wines known for their subtlety, elegance and depth. Taking an Old World approach and combining it with New World techniques, Cable Bay's opulent wines are a stylish reflection of the land where they began.

Central Otago is one of New Zealand's most exciting wine regions and the combination of premium quality hand-picked fruit and traditional winemaking has resulted in a wine displaying attractive complexity and finesse.

WINEMAKER	Neill Culley
VARIETIES	100% Pinot Noir
VINTAGE	2012
REGION	Central Otago
VINEYARD	Northburn Station
ALCOHOL	14%
SWEETNESS	Dry
FERMENTATION/AGING	Fermented in open tops, matured in French oak barriques.
CELLARING POTENTIAL	This wine will reward careful cellaring for up to 7 years, or thoroughly enjoy upon release.

TASTING NOTE

An intriguing wine displaying a perfumed nose of rose, red liquorice, savoury herbs and earthiness. The palate is full, round and defined, with a gorgeous floral fruit core and a real linearity typical of this site. It has a silky texture which is deeply enjoyable; one to drink with or without food, it is capable of greatness in both spheres.

FOOD MATCH

Plum pudding

VINEYARDS

This wine comes from a biodynamic vineyard on a north-westerly facing slope on the banks of Lake Dunstan in the Bendigo region of Central Otago. Sheltered from the east and the south by the Dunstan mountain range, the vineyard has its own special climate in which Pinot Noir can thrive. The hot and dry grape growing season of 2011 saw large diurnal temperature change, making the vineyard ideally suited to the production of high quality Pinot Noir. This wine was made from a selection of different clones; Clone 5, Clone 6 and 777.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand harvested and gently de-stemmed into open-top fermenters. Before fermentation kicks off, the crushed grapes were cold soaked for several days to gently extract colour and tannin. Regular hand-plunging was used during fermentation. This wine is a special blend of the free run portion of the best parcels from 2012. The blend made only one barrel worth, so is particularly rare and distinct.