

Rippon Tinker's Field Pinot Noir 2013

The Story

One of the viticultural pioneers of Central Otago, Rippon produces premium quality estate grown wines from their vineyards on the shores of Lake Wanaka. The property is cared for as a dynamic and diverse whole, fostering wines that truly reflect their dreamscape surroundings.

The Vineyard

Rippon, the western board of Roy's Bay, Lake Wanaka. Rippon's north-facing escarpment forms the meeting point of terminal moraines and coarse gravels; all based in schist. Rippon, a wine issued from all of the fully developed Pinot Noir vines, is considered the farm voice of this distinct parcel of land.

A unique parcel within Rippon, Tinker's Field is a gentle, north facing slope formed by an ancient ejection cone of coarse schist gravels. Tinker's Field is home to the oldest vines on the property and is named after Rippon's visionary founder, Rolfe Mills (Tink to his friends), and the land that he had dreamed of farming since childhood. Form and feel: layered, detailed, compressed power, precise, unforced masculinity

Winemaking

Picked by hand into small, 10kg cases allowing the fruit to arrive at the winery's sorting table undamaged and intact. Picked and fermented separately in 2-tonned stainless steel fermenters. 96% whole cluster component. Naturally occurring carbon dioxide is harvested off a Gewurztraminer ferment and used to constantly saturate the entire whole cluster fermenter. This provides the extremely healthy fruit adequate protection whilst the yeast take time to multiply. The winery's resident yeast population (non-inoculated) started fermenting on the 8th day of cuvaizon. The ferments reached maximum temperatures of up to 27Celsius. It then tracked more or less the same as a mature vine pinot noir, with very gentle pigeage, perhaps only once or twice every few days.

Tasting Note

James Suckling A more spicy, more fragrant and more graphite-infused pinot noir that has impressive deep dark cherry and plum fruits that sit in a very pure, fresh and powerful stance. The tannins are commanding – they clutch long and hold firm. The dark cherry and plum fruit flavors are striking – so long, fresh and pure. This is profound pinot noir."



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Alcohol Percentage	13.5 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
T.A.	6.4 g/L
Aging Potential	15+ years



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