

Lowburn Ferry Ferryman Reserve Pinot Noir 2015

The Story

Lowburn Ferry is located next to an historic ferry crossing over the Clutha River in New Zealand's Central Otago. The first vines were planted in 2000 by Jean and Roger Gibson. As a relatively young winery, the first wine Lowburn Ferry produced was its 2003 Pinot Noir which went on to win awards, including Champion Red Wine and Champion Pinot Noir at the NZ Winegrowers 2005 Bragato Wine Awards and Cuisine Magazine's five-star honor. Lowburn Ferry is family-owned and is only four hectares; possibly one of the most awarded per number of vines winery. Owners Roger and his wife Jean between them have an academic background in horticulture, soil science and ecology. It comes as no surprise that their winemaking style combines practical and scientific knowledge.

The Vineyard

Lowburn Ferry Vineyard, best known for its "Home Block" Pinot Noir wines, is established on sheltered terraces beneath the Pisa Range. Roger and Jean Gibson planted the first grapes in 2000 on their 4ha site, and have since built a reputation for high quality and award-winning wines. Glacial terraces are a distinctive feature of the landscape surrounding Lowburn Ferry, an early settler's crossing point over the Clutha River near Cromwell. Lowburn Ferry's soils are of particular importance in expressing the special "terroir" that sets this vineyard apart, says soil scientist Roger.

Winemaking

A barrel selection wine. Clones 115 and 5, hand-picked and destemmed, fermented to 13.8% alc., the wine aged 13 months in 38% new French oak barriques.

Tasting Note

Full, even, dark ruby-red color with garnet hues, a little lighter on the rim. The nose is softly full, and gently voluminous with layers of dark-red berry fruit and dark, spicy plums intermixed with fragrant oak, unveiling complexing nuances of spices and nuts. The aromatics show a stylish restraint. Medium-full bodied, the palate has vigorous and vibrant fruit flavors of dark-red berries and plums, along with spices, herbs and sweet, nutty oak. The palate combines richness and robustness along with excellent vitality, and the fruit is supported by considerable fine-grained extraction and structure with balancing acid freshness. The flavors are mouthfilling and carry with excellent drive and energy to a long and sustained, vibrant finish. This is a powerful, vigorous and flavorsome Pinot Noir with rich and luscious flavors of dark-red berry and plum



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fruit, along with herb, spice and oak notes and plenty of structure. Match with slow-cooked game meat over the next 8-10 years.


Alcohol Percentage	14 %
Residual Sugar	Dry
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Aging Potential	10+ years



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