

HAWKSHEAD

GIBBSTON VALLEY
CENTRAL OTAGO



PINOT NOIR 2006

Sub-Region:

Gibbston Valley has the longest growing season in Central Otago. The later harvested grapes develop the distinctive Gibbston intensity of floral, perfumed notes and sweet spice.

TASTING NOTE

Colour:

Brilliant garnet with a slight purple edge.

Nose:

A bouquet of sun-drenched dark berry fruit and ripe plums, together with perfumed floral notes with a hint of hillside thyme.

Palate:

The wine is lively and vibrant on the palate with restrained fruit and balanced acidity. Unfolding layers of flavours of dark cherries and ripe blackberries, chocolate, cardamom, and thyme. The 2006 Hawkshead Pinot Noir is full-bodied yet light, with a wonderful mouth-feel and great length.

COMMENTS

Hawkshead is a "Single Estate" vineyard planted on north-facing slopes. Soils are light loess over schist bedrock and windblown glacial deposits. 2006 will be remembered as a true 'vintage year'. A short, uniform flowering and plenty of sunshine in early spring, followed by a warm summer and a classic long dry autumn ensured an excellent vintage.



Technical

Clones: Dijon 667&114&115 Harvesting date: 10/04/06

Pommard 5 & 6 Bottling date: 12/03/07

Abel

Brix 24 TA 7.6g/L Alc 13%

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