

HAWKSHEAD

GIBBSTON VALLEY
CENTRAL OTAGO



PINOT NOIR 'FIRST VINES' 2007

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:

Bright ruby with a purple edge.

Nose:

Cherries, red plums, together with hints of aromatic sun-dried herbs and bramble leaves with underlying floral notes.

Palate:

Summer red berry fruit, Morello cherry and savoury aromatic notes. Well structured tannins and balanced acidity harmoniously support the vibrant fruit through a long finish. The wine is medium bodied yet full flavoured and will age gracefully.

COMMENTS

Hawkshead is a 'Single Estate' vineyard, on sunny north-facing slopes. The soils are light loess over schist bedrock and windblown glacial deposits. Late flowering in spring ensured uniform fruitset. Excellent weather in February followed by a fine warm autumn allowed the slow ripening of small tight berries. The flavours developed delicately yet with depth, promising a fine vintage. 'First Vines' is a premium selection of the very first vines planted and therefore the oldest established grapes in our boutique vineyard.



Technical

Clones: Pommard 5 & 6 Harvest date: 28/04/07

Dijon 115 Bottling date: 12/03/08

Brix 24 PH 3.63 TA 6.0g/L Alc 12%

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