

HAWKSHEAD

GIBBSTON VALLEY
CENTRAL OTAGO



Hawkshead First Vines Pinot Noir 2008

Tasting note

Sub-region	Gibbston The slow ripening of vines in the Gibbston Valley enhances the development of colour and flavour. Gibbston wines shine through intense floral, perfumed notes and hints of sweet spice.
Colour	Deep ruby
Flavour profile	These older wines show more fruit power and concentration with powerful layered floral aromatics and sweet spice. Lingering notes of Morello cherries and violets, mace and nutmeg are perfectly supported by the gentle character of Gibbston acidity and very fine grained tannins. This is a premium fine wine of medium body yet full flavoured with great length to be enjoyed now but it will also age gracefully.
Comments	The grapes are chosen from our first vines planted. We like to think of `growing` our wines and care for the vineyard under organic guide lines. The 2008 vintage year started with a mild spring and even budburst. Settled warm weather in December assured good flowering and fruit set. We crop lightly at 4 tonnes per hectare for well ripened and even fruit. The wine aged for 11 month in French oak barrels (40% new)
Winemaker	Grant Taylor
Wine Analysis	Clones: Pommard 5&6 Dijon115 Harvest date: 25/03/08 Bottling date: 09/03/09
	Brix 24 pH 3.63 TA 6.4g/L Alc 13.5%