

Wooring Tree Vineyard
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Wooring Tree Sandstorm Reserve Pinot Noir 2008

Winemaking

- Family owned and run, single vineyard site.
- Winemaker, Carol Bunn
- Harvest Dates: 21st April 2008, all hand picked.
- Clones 5 , 667, 777
- Crop thinned to 1 bunch per shoot
- Brix at Harvest: 25.8
- Wine Titratable Acidity: 6.7g/l
- Wine pH: 3.50
- Alcohol 14.5%
- 10% whole bunch fermentation
- The grapes were cold soaked for 5 to 7 days
- Hand plunged 3 times a day at peak of fermentation.
- 100% French oak for 18 months, 40% new
- Malolactic fermentation in barrel, Minimal filtering
- Bottled 25th Nov 2009, 170 dozen produced



Accolades

- Yvonne Lorkin Rhubarb, black tea, dark chocolate, black cherry and earthy, moody, brooding spices; this is a monster of a pinot. Subtle it is not. Powerfully built, solid, muscular fruit scaffolding yet it achieves exceptional acid/sweetness/alcohol balance combined with sheer density and length. It's kind of like Cirque de Soleil in your mouth – beautiful, seductive, enthralling, and altogether unbelievable.

Tasting Notes

Cromwell's Wooring Tree, is a family owned single vineyard site, located in the heart of Central Otago, the wine region fast becoming known for its top quality Pinot Noir. For many thousands of years Cromwell has been subjected to sandstorms during strong NW winds. Wind blown sands form Cromwell's unique habitat as one of the only inland sand dunes in New Zealand. The development of Wooring Tree vineyard created a few sandstorms of its own.

Especially low yielding ripe hand picked fruit, gentle winemaking and extended maturation in French oak have resulted in a complex and powerful wine. It has aromas of ripe cherries and plums, a rich and silky smooth palate and a long spicy finish. A great example of one of the best Central Otago Pinot Noirs – Best rewards are gained by careful cellaring.