



"Pinot noir from Central Otago is rapidly developing a reputation for expressing a special "terroir" that increasingly is being characterized as "unique".

Classical Burgundy it is not. Although the region shares similar latitude, allowing this picky vine to enjoy long summer daylight hours, there the relationship to Burgundy ends. With a much reduced disease pressure due to a very dry climate, and hot intense summer sun from the clearest of skies followed by cool nights, the resulting wine exhibits the full fruity attributes so common in all premium New Zealand wine.

Bannock Brae Estate Barrel Selection epitomizes the best of the Central Otago terroir. The wine oozes rich dark plummy and berry fruit flavours along with tantalizing hints of licorice and spices. The tannins from both the grapes themselves and judiciously chosen French oak barriques marry it all together with a soft velvety texture that lingers seductively on the palate. The wine is ready to drink now, but further bottle ageing for up to five years or more will unlock even more pleasures."

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