

MOUNT EDWARD

Mount Edward is a small wine grower located in the heart of the Gibbston grapegrowing district, 25 km from Queenstown, in Central Otago, New Zealand.

Co-owner Alan Brady was the first to plant grapes in this valley in 1981, fellow owner and winemaker Duncan Forsyth, has been making wine in Central Otago for the past 13 years and together they grow Mount Edward's wines.

Mount Edward's vineyards are in the Cromwell basin and Gibbston valley and using traditional approaches to winemaking endeavour to produce wines which reflect site and season.

MOUNT EDWARD 2007 PINOT NOIR

Grapes from the Lowburn and Gibbston sub regions were used to make our 07 Pinot Noir.

Vinified in a traditional fashion using open fermenters, hand plunging wild yeast and natural malolactic fermentations, 11 months in French oak, 25 % new.

Our 2007 Pinot Noir is a textural wine built around elegance and balance rather than a structural wine built around tannin like its predecessor in 2006. It displays a range of complexed fruit notes from cherries to darker plums, and incorporates some spice and dried herbs as well as savoury tones and gamey characters.

No filtration or fining, deposits may form. Harvested at 5 t/ha Average brix 24.

Bottled April 08, released June 08. 1130 cases made. 13.5% alc

Sealed with screwcap.

Vineyards

Morrisson Vineyard is a 12 ha property with a 7.5 hectare vineyard situated at the foothills of the Lowburn valley terraces, first planted in 1997.

The vineyard is comprised of two main soil types, schist based clay over fine gravels and fine loam over schist based alluvial gravels, elevation 220m.

The vineyard is planted with a mixture of Pinot Clones primarily Pommard and Abel plus a selection of the Dijon clones 777, 667 and 115. It is cropped at an average of 30 hectolitres per hectare.

Susan's Vineyard, is a small .6 hectare vineyard situated on a north facing slope within the Gibbston valley. It has medium to heavy loess based soils, with a high mineral content, over schist based alluvial gravels. The vineyard is planted with Pommard, 115 and Clone 6. Elevation 390m.

It is cropped at average of 30 hectolitres per hectare and is owned by Susan and Terry Stevens.