

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 area, using traditional approaches to winemaking we endeavour to produce wines which reflect site and season.

Mount Edward Muirkirk Vineyard 2008 Pinot Noir

This is the first release of our single vineyard Muirkirk Pinot Noir from our Felton rd vineyard in Bannockburn.

The wine displays rich and dark plummy fruit characters, hints of briar berries with a beautifully soft tannin structure. It is a powerful and balanced wine that still manages to display grace and elegance despite its obvious concentration. This wine exemplifies why we have placed such high regard in Felton Rd, Bannockburn, as a winegrowing sub region.

Like our other single vineyard wines this has been aged further in barrel to aid its development and potential. Total time in barrel 14 months, 35 % new.

No fining or filtration, deposits may form.

Bottled June 09, released Nov 2009, 65 cases total.

Muirkirk vineyard is our newest vineyard, situated on Felton Road in Bannockburn. The area is of proven quality and we are extremely excited at having another top end vineyard site along side our friends and neighbours at Felton Rd Winery and Mt Difficulty.

The soils have some variance within the site however are predominantly a dense clay loam over gravels, with the variance across the site being seams of calcium carbonate that run through the vineyard. The vineyard faces north-west and is gently sloping.

We have 1 ha of a mix of clone 6 & clone 5 pinot noir, planted 1997 which form the Muirkirk pinot noir.

Planted 2008/2009 are 5 ha of 10/5, Abel and Pommard.

Elevation is around 250m, GDD ave approx 1150 and rainfall approx 400mm per annum