

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 2008 Pinot Noir

Grapes from the Lowburn, Bannockburn and Gibbston sub regions were used to make our 08 Pinot Noir.

Vinified in a traditional fashion using open fermenters, hand plunging, wild yeast, and natural malolactic fermentations. 12 months in French oak, 28 % new.

Our 2008 Pinot Noir is a textural wine built around elegance and balance and even in its early days is a soft and approachable wine.

A refined style of wine as opposed to the fruit bomb - with a range of complexed fruit notes from cherries to darker plums, some spice and dried herbs as well as savoury tones and gamey characters.

No filtration or fining, deposits may form.

Harvested at 6 t/ha ave. Average brix 24.

Bottled June 09, released August 09. 2130 cases made. 13.5% alc

Sealed with screwcap.

Vineyards

Morrison 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 was cropped at an average of 35 hectolitres per hectare.

Muirkirk Vineyard is an 8.7 ha property situated on Felton Rd in Bannockburn, first planted in 1997.

The vineyard consists of predominantly a dense clay loam over gravels with seams of calcium carbonate throughout the property. The vineyard faces north west and is gently sloping.

We have 1 ha of clone 6 pinot noir planted 1997 with 6 ha of 10/5, Abel, and Pommard planted 2008/2009. Elevation 250m.

It was cropped at an average of 35 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. Elevation 390m.

The vineyard is planted with Pommard, 115 and Clone 6. It was cropped at average of 40 hectolitres per hectare and is owned by Susan and Terry Stevens.