

MOUNT EDWARD

Mount Edward is a small wine grower located in the heart of the Gibbston grape growing district, 25 km from Queenstown, in Central Otago, New Zealand. Started in 1998, Mount Edward has evolved from its simple beginnings; growing pure Central Otago Pinot Noir and Riesling, to a winery looking to explore the boundaries of what is possible; with sub regional vineyard sites and the region's most promising varieties. Winemaker Duncan Forsyth has been making wine in Central Otago since 1996 and together with proprietor John Buchanan, grows and makes Mount Edward's wines.

Mount Edward's vineyards are in the Bannockburn, Lowburn and Gibbston sub regions. We use traditional and certified organic approaches to winegrowing, producing wines which endeavour to reflect soil and season - all from unique single vineyard sites.

Vineyards

The 2014 Pinot noir is carefully blended from 3 vineyards in the Lowburn and Bannockburn sub regions; our estate vineyards of Morrison and Muirkirk plus grower vineyard Pisa Terrace.

All are farmed using certified BioGro organic practices.

The vineyards are planted with a mixture of the Dijon clones and cropped at an average of 35 hectolitres per hectare, all vineyards being planted between 1997 and 2000.

Mount Edward 2014 Pinot Noir

Vinified using open fermenters, hand plunging, natural yeasts, and 11 months in French oak – 15 % new – before racking and settling in tank for a further 4 months. Fermentation was carried out using de-stemmed fruit including the addition of 25% whole bunches.

Perfumed with lovely aromatics, there is a range of complexed fruit notes of darker berryfruit, some spice, savoury tones and dried herbs.

The 2014 has a silky and lush texture, concentrated fruit power yet finely balanced with fine tannins throughout and long in flavour.

No filtration or fining, deposits may form.
Bottled August 15, released July 2016.

Organically grown and made.