

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.

Started in 1998, by the original pioneer of Central Otago wine Alan Brady, Mount Edward has evolved from its simple beginnings, growing pure Central Otago pinot noir and riesling, to a winery exploring 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 for the past 17 years 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 reflect soil and season and all from unique single vineyard sites.

Muirkirk vineyard is situated on Felton Road in Bannockburn on a gentle north west sloping corner.

The soils are predominantly dense clay loam over gravels with seams of calcium carbonate running across the vineyard.

We have 6 ha of selected pinot noir clones, mainly Dijon with some older 6 & pomard planted in 1997. Cropped at an ave 5.5 t/ha.

Elevation is around 250m, GDD ave approx 1150 and rainfall approx 400mm per annum. Farmed, under conversion, using bio gro certified organic practices.

Mount Edward Muirkirk Vineyard 2010 Pinot Noir

The 3rd release of our single vineyard Muirkirk Pinot Noir. Vinified in a traditional fashion using open fermenters, hand plunging, natural yeasts and 14 months in French oak. Aromas of dark rich fruits and hints of briar berries lead onto a broad soft palate of similar fruits with a supple tannin structure that is typically Bannockburn. It is a powerful and balanced wine that manages to be delicate despite its concentration.

Bottled in September 2011 with a release date of July 2012, 160 cases total. No filtration or fining, deposits may form