

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.

Founder Alan Brady was the first to plant grapes in this valley in 1981 and is an acknowledged pioneer of Central Otago wine. Winemaker Duncan Forsyth has been making wine in Central Otago for the past 14 years and together with Proprietor John Buchanan grow Mount Edward's wines.

Mount Edward's vineyards are in the Cromwell basin and Gibbston valley, we use traditional organic approaches to winegrowing producing wines which reflect soil and season from unique single vineyard sites.

Vineyard: The 2009 pinot noir is carefully blended from 5 vineyards in the Lowburn, Bannockburn and Gibbston sub regions. Our estate vineyards of Morrison, and Muirkirk, and our grower vineyards Stevens, Pisa Terrace and L'attitude. All are farmed using certified organic practices or are in a state of conversion using the same 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 2009 Pinot Noir

Vinified in a traditional fashion using open fermenters, hand plunging, natural yeasts and malolactic fermentation, 14 months in French oak.

A heady wine with drive and poise. Perfumed with strong aromatics, a range of complexed fruit notes from cherries to darker plums, some spice and dried herbs as well as savoury tones and gamey characters. A silky and luscious texture with soft fine tannins and plenty of length.

No filtration or fining, deposits may form. Harvested at 5.5 t/ha ave
Bottled June 10, released June 11. 1150 cases made.