



WILD ROCK

CUPIDS ARROW CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR

2009 Highlights

91 Points, 4½ Stars

“The bouquet is beautifully ripe and lifted, displaying red/black cherry, spice, game and a hint of nutty characters. It's juicy and rounded on the palate with silky texture and lovely fine tannins. A beautifully expressed and harmonised wine with plenty of appeal.”

Sam Kim – Wine Orbit – May 2011

“This offering from Central Otago in New Zealand starts boldly. From the start I could detect the hint of herbs mentioned on the label, followed by a moderately soft body with flavours of cherry and dried fruit. Good length and a dry, oak finish. Highly recommended.”

Emmaline Stigwood – Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin – September 2011

2008 Highlights

86 Points

“Sourced from Cromwell Basin and Gibbston, this 2008 Wild Rock Cupids Arrow Pinot Noir has crunchy raspberry leaf and tart red cherries on the nose. The palate is medium-bodied, chunky tannins but nice clean fruit, bright raspberry, strawberry and cherry leading to a rather lean finish.”

Neal Martin – Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate – October 2010

“Drinking well now, this ruby-hued red has a fragrant bouquet of spices and dried herbs. Savoury and spicy, it shows good flavour depth and complexity, with a fairly firm finish.”

Michael Cooper - Winestate Recent Releases – March/April 2010

“It's ripe and lifted on the nose displaying dark cherry, cedary oak and a hint of savoury mushroom characters. The palate is well fruited and harmonised with succulent mouthfeel, silky texture and fine-grained tannins. The wine flows very nicely and finishes long and lovely.”

Sam Kim – Wine Orbit Issue 9 – October 2009

2007 Highlights

Finalist

Sydney International Wine Competition 2009

90 Points, 4½ Stars

“It’s nicely fragrant on the nose displaying dark plum, floral and spice characters. The palate is ripe and rounded with silky texture and gently firm tannins. A very appealing style with plump mouthfeel and well harmonised flavours. At its best: now to 2011.”

Sam Kim – Wine Orbit – August 2009

86 Points

“The 2007 Cupids Arrow Pinot Noir is a fine, entry-level Pinot Noir from Wild Rock. Jammy, red-berried fruits on the nose, the palate soft and plush, low acidity, fleshy and supple with a clean, slightly hot finish. You will finish a bottle too quickly and maybe forget it the next day. Drink now.”

Neal Martin – Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate – Issue 184, 2009

90 Points

“Plush, aromatic Pinot Noir from fashionable Central Otago. A radiant plum and cherry nose and a smooth, glossy palate with good length and intensity. Not an especially complex Pinot Noir, but lovely purity of flavour and balance.”

The Wine Gang – September 2009

89 Points

“Bright, with a dark cast to the fruit and spice that burrows through a light layer of tannins and expands on the finish. Focused and refined. Drink now through 2015.”

Wine Spectator – April 2009

4 Stars

“Lifted, meaty, chocolaty nose with some wild berries in there too. Great palate structure – very velvety. Lots of oak but has the fruit to match.”

Winestate – November/December 2008

2006 Highlights

4 Stars

“A very skilfully crafted drink-young style, the 2006 vintage is ruby-hued with a subtle oak influence and good body and depth of cherry/plum flavours. Slightly spicy and supple, it shows some complexity and vivid varietal characters.”

Michael Cooper – Buyers Guide to New Zealand Wines – May 2008

Smart Buy, 5 Stars, 93 Points

This is their first Central Otago Pinot Noir and it has beautifully captured the essence of this famous region. The nose displays fragrant aromas of blackberries, smoked meat and savoury mushrooms. It’s juicy and plump with a fleshy mid palate and nicely balanced acidity restoring the balance to the wine. Fine discreet tannins provide a lovely frame. It’s immensely drinkable.”

Sam Kim – Wine Orbit – November 2007

85 Points

“Tart, with very good intensity to the wild berry, green tea, plum and cedar flavours. Drink now through 2009.”

Wine Spectator – May 2007

2005 Highlights

Regional Pinot Noir Under £10 Trophy

“Cherry, plum fruit, soft earthy richness. Rich and ripe with lovely velvet texture. Very good - seamless, ripe, elegant cherry and plum with hints of oak. Very balanced, great value.”

Decanter World Wine Awards 2006