

LOVEBLOCK

Nestled amongst the snow-capped mountains of Central Otago is our small Pinot Noir vineyard. This region produces intensely layered and complex wines, making it ideal for growing Pinot Noir.

We are the custodians of this piece of land, our responsibility is to respect its rhythm, making wine with low intervention and the love of the land.

Loveblock is our heart and soul.

Pinot Noir Central Otago 2012

Vineyard Notes

These Pinot Noir grapes come from our estate in Bendigo, Central Otago, called Someone's Darling.

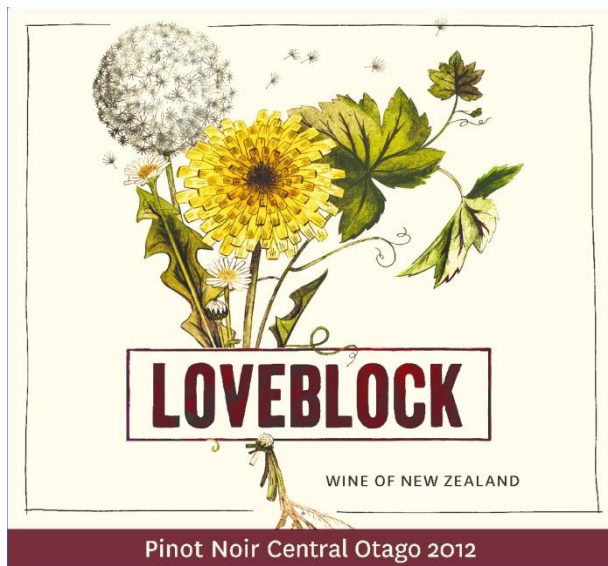
The soil type is free draining sandy loam over schist alluvium gravels known as Molyneux soils.

Clones planted here are B777, B667, B115 and Abel. The vineyard was entirely cane pruned to two canes, with the wire being approximately half full. Yield from the vineyard was two tonnes per acre.

Average harvest analysis 24 brix, 8.2 g/l TA, 3.25 pH

Vinification

Once the clones entered the required flavour profile they were machine harvested with a destemming harvester. At the winery the fruit was pumped straight to the tank without crushing to leave some whole berries. After a five day cold soak the must was inoculated with D254 yeast. The ferment was hand plunged twice daily until dry when it was pressed off. The wine then underwent full malolactic in tank, after eight months of ageing the wine was stabilised and coarse filtered.



Tasting Notes:

Colour: Crimson with purple edges.

Aroma: Intense dark fruit, Black Doris plum and blueberry, forest floor and cloves and spices.

Palate: Up front tannins with Shitake mushroom and dark fruit. Finishes with dark fruit sweetness.

Serve at 61-63°F (16-17°C). Cellar: 7- 10 years

Analysis:

Alcohol	13.8%
pH	3.65
TA	5.4 g/l
Residual sugar	Dry

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Tasted: August 2013

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