

# **PINOT NOIR Canterbury 2005**

## **The Kaituna Vineyard**

**Results:**    **Gold Medal**    Royal Easter Wine Show 2007

**96/100 5 star** Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine Aug 2007

**93/100 5 star** Bob Campbell [www.bobswinereviews.com](http://www.bobswinereviews.com)

**Trophy** for Best Pinot Noir in Waipara/Canterbury Region (Public Vote)

Fine Wine Delivery Co National Pinot Noir Tour

*“This 2005 is absolute excitement right from the fragrant, fruit-filled, dark chocolate and brambly aromas. Enticing blackberry, blueberry, red currant fruit is stunningly accentuated by a myriad of spicy/savoury characters wrapped in silken tannins. Pinot Noir of concentration, complexity and style. It has to impress.”*

**Silver Medal** New Zealand International Wine Show 2006

### **Tasting Notes:**

The 2005 Canterbury Pinot Noir is another bold and dramatic wine with complexity and a wonderful spread of flavours. The wine has fragrant aromas of black cherry, plum, spice and toasty oak. The palate is rich and intense with abundant fruit tannins and generous black cherry, smoke, savoury and spice flavours. The wine shows exceptional balance and is approachable now but can be cellared with confidence for at least 8 years.

### **Vintage and Harvest:**

The 2005 vintage continues the succession of excellent vintages at the Kaituna Vineyard on Banks Peninsula, Canterbury. Although the 2005 autumn was cool, the crop ripened fully because of the very low yields. The grapes were hand-harvested at optimum ripeness (24 to 25.2 °Brix) on 12 and 30 April 2005 in excellent condition.

### **Vinification:**

All grapes were de-stemmed and gently crushed into small stainless steel fermentation vats. After five days of cold maceration on the skins, the must was inoculated with a range of cultured yeasts. The fermentation reached a peak temperature of 33°C and the must received regular pigéage. The wine was pressed directly into small French oak barrels (60% new oak) for malolactic fermentation and aged on light lees for 16 months.

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