

Rock Ferry Wines

2009 Rock Ferry Central Otago Pinot Noir

- Vineyard:** Trig Hill
- Region:** Bendigo, Central Otago. The vineyard is situated in the historic region of Bendigo not far from the gold mines of yesteryear. Planted on colluvium fans the vineyard is named after an old trig station on a hilltop in the middle of the site.
- Vintage:** The 2009 vintage was cooler than 2008 and meticulous care in the vineyard was required to allow the fruit to ripen fully. With a longer season and lower than normal yields, 2009 provided concentrated fruit flavours and well structured wines.
- Viticulture:** Our aim is best summed up by 'fine wine begins with the vine'. Our approach is through sustainable viticulture where we strive for balance in the vineyard. This ultimately provides grapes that are a reflection of our particular site.
- Winemaking:** Clones Abel, 115 and 5 were hand harvested, de-stemmed and crushed to oak open-top fermenters for fermentation with indigenous yeast. After fermentation the wines were transferred to a mixture of new and seasoned French oak for malo-lactic fermentation and matured for 12 months prior to blending.
- Tasting Notes:** This wine shows charming floral and varietal complexity. Red and black cherry aromas lead to notes of forest floor. The palate is seamlessly textured, long and elegant.
- Technical:** 13.7% Alc, 3.72pH, 6.2g/l T.A.
- Winemaker:** Allan McWilliams

