



Tasting Notes

2006 Pisa Range Estate 'Black Poplar Block' Pinot Noir

The 'Black Poplar Block' is a four hectare planting. It takes its name from the two majestic 100 year old Black Poplar trees that dominate this area of the vineyard. The oldest vines are now 12 years. The first two hectares are planted in Clone 10/5 and 5 – the balance is planted in a number of Dijon clones - 113, 777, 114, 115 and 667.

The 2006 vintage was a classic textbook vintage – good weather during flower set with the warm settled weather continuing over summer and into early autumn. The vines were beautifully balanced producing excellent fruit quality and good tonnage. As is our practice, the grapes were hand harvested clone by clone on 30/31st March 2006. The wine has matured in French oak barriques (one third new) for one year. Bottling took place in March 2007.

Winemakers Note:

Colour: Ruby

Bouquet: Distinctly Pisa Range Estate - perfumed wild herbs on the nose - sour cherry

Palate: Fine pinot noir fruit palate, silky, supported by very tightly knit tannins

Cellar: 4-7 years

Accolades:

Gold Platinum Medal – 2007 Wine Style Asia Awards – Singapore

Bob Campbell MW August 2007 - CENTRAL OTAGO – SNEAK PREVIEW 2006 VINTAGE

"Your Pinot Noir rated first equal with Felton Road in the vintage review a couple of weekends ago. Best wishes to you both and congratulations on making a cracker Pinot".

Michael Coopers 2008 Buyers Guide - NZ Wine

Pisa Range Estate Black Poplar Block Pinot Noir (5stars)

*Grown at Pisa Flats, north of Cromwell, in Central Otago, this is an enticingly scented wine. The 2006 vintage (*****) was hand-picked and matured for a year in French oak barriques (one-third new). Classy, rich and supple, it's a classic regional style with full, ruby colour, sweet-fruit flavours of cherries and spices seasoned with toasty oak, and the backbone to mature well. Impressively concentrated and finely textured, it's the best wine yet under this label.*