



## Tasting Notes

### 2007 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 2007 vintage started with a cool spring, followed by a warm summer and finishing with a lovely long autumn ensuring long slow ripening. The vines were beautifully balanced producing excellent fruit with small berries and good tonnage. As is our practice, the grapes were hand harvested clone by clone on 16/17th April 2007. The wine has matured in French oak barriques (one third new) for one year. Bottling took place in March 2008.

### Winemakers Note

Colour: Ruby  
Bouquet: Sweet fruit, oriental spice  
Palate: Opulent, lush ripe pinot noir palate, silky, complex, supported by seamless tannins  
Cellar: 4-7 years

### Accolades

**GOLD** - 2009 Small Vignerons Awards, Australia - July 2009

**Australian Gourmet Traveller WINE Magazine** July/Aug '09 - Stars of Central Otago

**Jancis Robinson MW** - Central Otago Pinot Celebration - Jan 2009, 17/20 - Spicy, reverberant fruit...Glossy black fruit character. Quite long and certainly distinctive. Drink 2011-16

**Michael Cooper** - 2009 Buyers Guide To NZ Wines

(5 Stars \*\*\*\*\*) The 2007 is equally as impressive (as 2006): full coloured, ripe, spicy and savoury, with notable complexity and density.

**Australian Gourmet Traveller WINE Magazine** - Oct/Nov. 2008

94/100 \*\*\*\*\* (5 Stars) 2007 Pisa Range Estate 'Black Poplar Block' Pinot Noir

Dense wine with appealing dark and red cherry flavours with a seasoning of spice and oak. Serious pinot noir with concentration and a good structure of ripe tannins.

Attractive now but promises to age well.