

BEST PINOT NOIR

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MATURE VINE PINOT NOIR

2008

LAKE WANAKA CENTRAL OTAGO

Produce of New Zealand

**94** Rippon

**2008 Central Otago Rippon Pinot Noir**

Nick Mills has tuned his vines to the cool elevations of Wanaka, working through natural viticulture and winemaking to produce this explosively schisty pinot noir, a Central Otago classic. The wine's earthy power is checked by layers of red fruit and scents of rhubarb and rose, sustaining a remarkable balance of sweet fruit and racy acidity. The flavors last, encouraged by long exposure to air, promising years of development ahead.

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