

### **Quartz Reef Pinot Noir 2010 Central Otago**

Bright medium red. Pungent aromas of cherry, redcurrant and minerals. Concentrated, spicy and light on its feet, with a restrained sweetness to the flavors of red berries, flowers and spices. An herbal nuance gives the finish a positive bitterness. Very suave, fresh pinot with plenty of life ahead of it. **90 points**

### **Quartz Reef Bendigo Pinot Noir 2010 Central Otago**

(14.5% alcohol): Medium red. Reticent, slightly reduced aromas of redcurrant, raspberry and sexy smoky oak. Silky on entry, then lush, broad and dry in the middle, with red fruit flavors accented by mineral and spice components. Seriously layered, long pinot noir with fine-grained tannins and lingering spices. And not at all a sweet style. **92 points**

### **2009 Rippon Vineyard Pinot Noir Lake Wanaka Central Otago**

(\$58) Medium red. Perfumed aromas of strawberry, minerals and rose petal. Juicy and firmly built, with a nicely restrained sweetness to the red berry and mineral flavors. Finishes dry and firmly tannic, with noteworthy verve. Attractive pinot in an adult style. **89 points**

### **2009 Rippon Vineyard Pinot Noir Emma's Block Central Otago**

(\$80) (17 months in oak; bottled unfiltered and unfiltered): Slightly dull medium red. Musky strawberry and earth aromas are perked up by minerals and medicinal herbs. Broad, airy and dry but youthfully tight today. Aromatic herbs and spices from beginning to end. The vibrant finish features substantial dusty tannins and subtle, sneaky length. I'd let this sleep for

another year or two before pulling the cork. **90 points**

**2009 Rippon Vineyard Pinot Noir Tinker's Field  
Central Otago**

(\$99) (17 months in barrel; bottled without fining or filtration): Slightly hazy medium red. Ripe but reticent aromas of strawberry, cola, milk chocolate and earth, plus a whiff of caramel. Broad, sweet and layered, with ripe flavors of strawberry, raspberry and spices. The sweet, horizontal finish features fine-grained tannins that turn a bit dusty with air. Quite long on the aftertaste but does it have the energy of the Emma's Block bottling? **90 points**