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15 July, 2013

Northburn Station on the eastern side of Lake Dunstan in Central Otago has a history stretching back to the 1850s. It has been owned by the Pinckney family since 1993, diversifying from grazing to grapegrowing in 1999, with their first crop in 2001. There are 17 ha of Pinot Noir, 4 ha of Riesling and 1 ha each of Pinot Gris and Sauvignon Blanc. Owners Tom and Jan Pinckney now have Richard Broadhead, Jan's brother as winemaker and Shane Livingston as viticulturist. There has been a considerable focus on the wine and hospitality side of the business of late, making Northburn a label to watch. [www.northburn.co.nz](http://www.northburn.co.nz)

## FEATURED WINES IN THIS REVIEW

Northburn Station 'Bill's Blend' Central Otago 2010 +Northburn Station 'Bill's Blend' Central Otago 2009 -

Pinot Noir from New Zealand – Otago

★★★★★ 17.5/20

Clones 113, 114, 115, 667, 777, 10/5 and Abel from 'Northburn Station', hand-picked, fully destemmed and fermented to 14.5% alc., the wine aged 10 months in French oak. Winemaker: Michelle Richardson. Lightish ruby-red colour with some garnet hues, lighter on rim. The bouquet is soft and mellow with ethereal aromas of soft red berry fruits, red florals, underlined by dried herbs, minerals, and harmoniously interwoven with oak cedar elements. Medium-bodied, the fruit flavours are a little subdued, showing softly spiced, red berry fruit flavours along with cedary oak notes with some richness. The mouthfeel is open with supple tannins and soft acidity. A little alcohol warmth adds to the drive, leading to a gently lush, red fruited, cedary finish. This is a soft-textured, accessible red-fruited Pinot Noir with spicy interest. Serve with Middle Eastern and Asian fare over the next 4-5+ years. 514 cases made. 17.5/20 Jul 2013 RRP \$30.00