



Information Sheet



CARRICK Unravalled Pinot Noir 2006

Winemaker: Steve Davies

**Region: Bannockburn, Central
Otago, New Zealand**

Origin: Cairnmuir & Lot 8 Vineyards, Bannockburn, Central Otago

Information:

<u>Clones:</u>	Clones 5, 113, 115, 777, 10/5
<u>Residual Sugar:</u>	Nil
<u>Titrateable Acidity:</u>	5.9g/L
<u>Ph:</u>	3.63
<u>Alcohol:</u>	14.0%
<u>Harvest Dates:</u>	March 21st to April 12 th
<u>Brix at Harvest:</u>	23.2 – 25.4 brix
<u>Bottled :</u>	December 2006

Viticulture and Winemaking:

The weather in December 2005 was warm and settled and consequently the flowering and set were excellent. The warm weather continued through summer and we achieved good flavour and ripeness a few weeks earlier than in 2005.

The vineyard work is mainly by hand; pruning, leaf plucking, shoot thinning and harvesting.

The wine is made in small open fermenters. Typically a pre-ferment cold soak of 5 days, punch downs during fermentation then 3 – 5 days extended maceration. About 70% of the lots rely on indigenous yeasts, and a few have a whole bunch component of 15 - 20%. All the wine then goes into French oak barrels, about 25% new. Malolactic is in the spring and lots for the Unravalled Pinot are then selected, blended and given a light filtration for clarity before bottling.

Tasting Notes:

The 2006 Unravalled Pinot Noir has good colour. The aroma is dominated by ripe berries and black cherries with notes of briar, French oak and blackberries. On the palate the flavours of blackberry and berry fruits are balanced by a contribution from good French oak. The tannins are fine and integrated giving good structure and persistence. By 2007 the fruit flavours will be the dominant feature giving a lush wine subtly underpinned by oak and tannin, evidence of some more serious winemaking and a modest aging potential.

We expect the Unravalled 2006 to be drinking well from mid 2007 until at least 2012.

Reviews:

Designed to be 'easy-drinking, laidback', the 2006 vintage is a more 'serious' wine than you'd expect. Grown at Bannockburn and matured for eight months in French oak casks (20% new), it is youthful and sturdy, with moderately firm tannins and good density of cherry/plum flavours, warm and complex. Best drinking 2008-09. **4 stars – Michael Cooper's 2008 Buyer's Guide to NZ Wines.**

Here's another second label whose aim, to quote the makers, "(was) to produce a very reasonably priced uncomplicated, upfront ("unravalled!"), enjoyable wine, with recognisable black cherry fruit and ready to drink now". That's a good description of this vintage, with its attractive, fresh strawberry/dark cherry aromas and flavours. The wine is very varietal and slightly simple, yet has some depth. **Recommended - Winewise Volume 24 Number 1, April 2008.**