



Winemaker Francis Hutt joined Carrick in 2010 having decided that Central Otago was where he wanted to be. Being a thorough young man he decided that in order to make wine in Central Otago he needed to know the vineyard first so spent a year working with viticulturist Blair, before being appointed as Carrick Winemaker in August 2011. He has a particular interest in organic and biodynamic growing of grapes and wine production, so is specially delighted to be Carrick winemaker showcasing organic certification post 2011.



Carrick Wines...
Landscape, climate, lifestyle and dedication, uniquely intertwined in the finest Central Otago style

Carrick

Bannockburn, Central Otago, New Zealand

Certified 100% Organic by BioGrow NZ

Central Otago wines are fast gaining an international reputation for their quality and finesse. The Carrick label is truly a label for the region: the wines demonstrate the grace, the taste and the distinctive style of Central Otago.

Carrick, a name associated with the Bannockburn region is represented on the label by the Carrick Bend knot. The knot also depicts the bringing together of the Central Otago 'terroir' and careful viticultural and winemaking practices.

The winery looks directly out to the rugged Carrick mountain range in the west, a stunning place to taste wine and share a platter with friends over a glass of Carrick wine.

The Vineyards:

The Carrick vineyards are all located in Bannockburn, on the Cairnmuir Terraces.

Cairnmuir was planted by Steve and Barbara Green in 1994, in Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Pinot Gris. It lies on a promontory, bounded by Lake Dunstan to the north and west, and the Bannockburn Inlet to the south. The vineyard is a mixture of gravels and sand, glistening with silica.

The Cairnmuir block was extended in 1998, with a further planting devoted to Pinot Noir. New Dijon Clones were planted and the vineyard now contains a range of clones- Pommard (UCD 5), 10/5, 13, 113, 114, 115 and 777.

The Arthur vineyard, owned by Bill and Sue Arthur, is located across Cairnmuir Rd, on the sloping foothills of the Cairnmuir Range. Planted in 1996. The vineyard is dedicated to Pinot Noir and Riesling.

A third vineyard is situated in Hall Rd adjacent to the Bannockburn township. Like the other sites, it enjoys the hot summer days and cool, crisp nights that create the intense flavours characteristic of Central Otago wines.

The vineyards produce optimum quality grapes from low yielding vines. Leaf plucking, shoot and bunch thinning are standard practices. Other strategies such as companion planting, minimal spraying, mulching with organic material, hand pruning and hand harvesting all help to ensure only the best quality fruit. Thoughtful clonal and rootstock selection optimises the potential of the sites to produce superior fruit.

