

Chard Farm
CENTRAL OTAGO

mata-au pinot noir 2014

winemakers comments:

Our Mata-Au vineyards are located in the Lowburn and Parkburn areas of the Cromwell basin. The vineyards are planted on the terraces and alluvial schist based soils formed by the Mata-Au (Clutha) River (pronounced - *martar-o*). The unique combination of site, soil and mild continental climate produces perfumed wines with elegant texture, structure and mineral length. It is made from the best blocks in our best vineyards in the Lowburn/Parkburn sub-region. Mata-Au showcases the succulent red fruits and silky tannins that are the hallmarks of this sub-region, delivered in our elegant, textural and length driven style.

wine description:

The bouquet displays aromatic fresh herbs and floral notes over-laying rich cherry fruit and exotic spices. In the mouth the initial burst of ripe cherry fruit quickly gives way to a complex and finely structured mid palate. The fruit and acid interplay on the end the palate is refined, long and very satisfying, and complements the lingering silky tannins.

vineyards:

The Tiger Vineyard - Lowburn, Cromwell
The Viper Vineyard - Parkburn, Cromwell

harvest:

Brix: 23.7 - 24.2
pH: 3.30 - 3.46
TA: 7.6 - 8.5g/L

in bottle:

pH: 3.65
TA: 5.2g/L
Alc: 13.8%

