



Aug 2008	Pinot Noir 2007	Ruby hued, with ripe, sweet-fruit flavours of plums and spices, revealing some earthy, farmyard notes, well-integrated oak and a finely balanced, lingering finish.	Winestate Magazine
July 2008	Reserve Pinot Noir 2007	The previous seven consecutive vintages have produced Gold medals. This one, just released, will also get Gold. Wild yeast used. Aged 10 months in French oak, complex but too young for drinking now. Tried against creamy cheeses.	Dean Tudor Wine Writer's Circle of Canada
July 2008	Reserve Chardonnay 2007	BF and BA in French oak for 10 months, wild yeasts, treated in the same way as the Reserve Pinot Noir, a consistent Gold winner. Plush mouthfeel but a long finish, can stand up to foods, and will last a long time if correctly cellared.	Dean Tudor Wine Writer's Circle of Canada
July 2008	Sauvignon Blanc 2007	Very good herbs, Euro style, long length, tried against pepperoni.	Dean Tudor Wine Writer's Circle of Canada
July 2008	Pinot Noir 2007	Made from younger vines and aged 10 months in older French barrels. Very different from the Reserve but wild yeast is still used. More exuberant and youthful.	Dean Tudor Wine Writer's Circle of Canada
July 2008	Pinot Gris 2007	Tried against smoked kielbasa, but I found the meat overwhelmed the wine which was clean and minerally.	Dean Tudor Wine Writer's Circle of Canada
July 2008	Reserve Pinot Noir 2007	Elegant wine in a lean and fairly drying style. It lacks the concentration of earlier vintages but still shows power in its impressively lingering finish. Attractive hints of floral with bright red cherry and spice. A wine for the cellar.	Bob Campbel
July 2008	Reserve Chardonnay 2007	A myriad of subtle flavours make it difficult to describe the neatly interwoven individual strands that run through this elegant Chardonnay. Mineral, oak and grapefruit are definable while others remain less so. Soft-textured and stylish Chardonnay.	Bob Campbell
Apr 2008	Reserve Chardonnay 2006	"A totally unique combination of the intense, generously oaked, broad, tropical fruit style but with downright tart, deliciously mouthwatering natural acidity recalling the minerally whites of Chablis. Stunning by any standard in the world."	Randy Caparoso



<b>Dec 2007</b>	Estate Pinot Noir 2006	A dense, youthful nose displaying dark cherries, blueberries and floral notes. It's weighty on the palate with a lush texture in the mid-range then it finishes firmly with ripe, solid tannins. It's a bold wine showing youthful exuberance and a well-structured palate.	Sam Kim Wine Orbit
<b>Dec 2007</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2006	From their most mature vines grown in Pisa Flats, north of Cromwell, the grapes were fermented in open-top fermenters using indigenous yeasts. The finished wine was matured in French oak barrels (25% new) for 10 months before bottling with minimal fining and filtration. This is a bold, solid young Pinot displaying black cherries, currants and gentle spice on the nose. The palate is juicy with excellent weight in the mid- range and finishes with firm tannins. A concentrated, powerful wine with excellent potential to develop forest floor tertiary characters. This was one of those wines that, with time, just kept getting better in the glass.	Sam Kim Wine Orbit
<b>Oct 2007</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2006	Lovely wine with powerful dark cherry and spice flavours flattered by classy oak. Good mouth feel and a silken texture complete the picture. Irresistible now but has good cellaring potential. One of New Zealand's few fully certified organic reds.	Bob Campbell MW
<b>Aug 2007</b>	Estate Pinot Noir 2006	I enjoyed both the stylishly intense, serious Kawarau Estate Reserve 2006 and this charmingly fragrant, beautifully balanced wine with hints of spice and a firm, textural finish.	Charmian Smith
<b>Aug 2007</b>	Reserve Chardonnay 2006	I enjoyed this fragrant young wine with hints of mineral and stone fruit, a suggestion of green herbs and smokiness. It's elegant and nicely textured with developing complexities and a long aftertaste.	Charmian Smith
<b>Mar 2007</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2005	Highly scented with concentrated, sweet-fruit flavours of cherries and plums, mouthfilling body, fresh acidity and supple tannins. Still unfolding; drink mid 2007 onwards.	Winestate



<b>Mar 2007</b>	Reserve Chardonnay 2005	Stylish little number this, with an engaging, almost comforting aroma of freshly baked bread dripped with grapefruit. Plenty of weight and uncompromising oak checked by firm acid.	Michael Cooper
<b>Jan 2007</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2005	"Bright ruby and pink with a youthful pink rim. Distinctive aromas of ripe morello and preserved cherry, chocolate, red berries, forest floor, mushroom and spices. The palate is juicy, youthful and reflects the cherry and red berry fruits along with ripe fruit tannins, balancing wood and wood tannins. The long finish and developing complexity will reward those who select this wine."	Cameron Douglas
<b>Dec 2006</b>	Reserve Chardonnay 2005	"Gutsy wine, quite mouth-filling and robust with some intense chardonnay flavours and characters....nicely serious... all coming together very well and with lots of good drinking ahead over the next two years"	Peter Saunders
<b>Dec 2006</b>	Reserve Chardonnay 2004	"Very fruit-focused chardonnay with tight citrus and mineral salt flavours that are flattered by a seasoning of spicy oak. Its subtle power is revealed in the lingering finish. Vibrant cool-climate wine in a varietal style"	Bob Campbell
<b>Dec 2006</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2005	"Elegant wine. Central Otago's best known organic producer is also one of the region's top winemakers. Appealing sweet dark cherry and plum flavours are supported by good acidity and fine tannins. Impressive power."	Bob Campbell
<b>May 2006</b>	Reserve Chardonnay 2004	"This impressive Chardonnay from Central Otago has generous butter and honeysuckle complexity over stonefruit flavours. There are lots of layers. Fine, smooth and balanced, with endless length."	Huon Hooke
<b>Dec 2005</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2004	95 points for our 2004 Reserve Pinot Noir in Gourmet Traveller Wine. Rated the best of Central Otago's 2004 vintage.	Bob Campbell
<b>Oct 2005</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2004	"This wine earned my top score in a tasting of 43 Central Otago pinot noirs from the 2004 vintage. It's a complex wine with layers of black fruit flavours, terrific density and a lingering finish"	Bob Campbell

<b>July 2005</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2004	"Generous and alive, the fruit characters still show as youthful, vibrant and with lots in behind waiting to emerge through the second year. Excellent wine evolving."	Winestate Magazine.
<b>July 2005</b>	Reserve Chardonnay 2004	"A lovely firm spine, great nose in a light and elegant style. Youthful but already showing its colours nicely; a wine to fatten and blossom over the next year."	Winestate Magazine
<b>Jan 2005</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2003	" this pinot is one of the best wines of the vintage. It has masses of plum and cherry flavours and a pleasingly slippery texture."	Bob Campbell
<b>July 2005</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2004	"delicious fruit, rich, spicy oak and a long aftertaste"	Charmian Smith
<b>May 2004</b>	Estate Pinot Noir 2003	"Plums, cherries and raspberries - this stylish red has them all. Integrated oak gives it a smooth flavour profile and ensures a clean-cut, lightly gripping finish."	Top Tip by TizWine
<b>August 2003</b>	Reserve Chardonnay 2002	"Up front nose with citrus and nutty notes. Gentle tropical tones in the rear. Good body and balance with persistent tropical fruit ever present. Creamy mouth with citrus driven finish."	International Wines & Spirits
<b>May 2003</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2002	"wonderful Pinot Noir from Lowburn, the balance and sweet-fruit in this wine is amazing, even at two years. A majestic fruit character shows depth and harmony and another year will add extra dimensions to an exceptional wine."	Peter Saunders
<b>April 2003</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2001	"My favourite wine was the 2001 Reserve Pinot Noir from Kawarau Estate which was elevated above its peers by the strong developed gamey character, layers of flavour, complexity and style."	Jane Skilton
<b>August 2001</b>	Reserve Pinot Noir 2000	"Alluring, rich, warm, dark fruits and scented wild flower aromas wafting from the glass. Take a sip and your expectations are exceeded. Dense, chewy, ripe, blackcurrants, cherries and sweet spices generously flood the mouth. Savoury & spice oak characters add plenty of dimension along with silky tannins and fine soft acids. It is seductively soft, rich and long. At this price it is without peer. The '99 was awarded 4.5 Stars in Winestate. They should give this 2000 a big 5 stars."	Fine Wines Online Pick of the Month
<b>Nov 2000</b>	Sauvignon Blanc 2000	"pale, with very fresh and lifted gooseberry/lime aromas, it's a tangy, immaculate wine with pure, delicate flavours, finely balanced and penetrating. One of the region's top Sauvignon Blancs, it's well worth tracking down."	Michael Cooper