

# MT DIFFICULTY PINOT NOIR 2023





\$37.99

## An Iconic Bannockburn Pinot Noir

Product Code:	4027	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	Central Otago	Volume:	750ml
Sub Region:	Bannockburn	Alcohol:	14.0%
Style:	Red	Grape:	100% Pinot Noir
Variety:	Pinot Noir		NOII
		Natural:	Vegan Friendly





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## TASTING NOTES

#### Gold Medal - New Zealand International Wine Show 2024

Mt Difficulty is certainly one of the best known names of Central Otago Pinot Noir and for very good reason, their wines have been excellent right from the very early days. And this gorgeous Pinot from the outstanding 2023 vintage again shows exactly why they have such an enviable reputation. A wonderfully fragrant nose of dark fruits, wild herbs with underlying gentle floral notes, a concentrated palate and silken tannins make for an absolute classic.

#### Winery notes (2023 Vintage)

"Mt Difficulty Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2023 is dark garnet with red & black cherry on the nose and a spice profile of Szechuan pepper, cardamom & star anise. Inviting and opulent, the palate is flush with sweet cherry & blueberry, followed by trademark earth & savoury notes and framed by baking spice and fine grained French Oak. The fruit floods through to the finish with a juicy balance, indicating acidity that will keep the wine aging well."



"Great aromatic core with scents of smoky oak and dark raspberry, plum and black cherry flesh then baking spices of clove and vanilla. Complex and youthful. A dry wine with flavours of spice and savoury baked red berry fruits. Plums and raspberry, plenty of tannins and acidity deliver a textured complex wine with great drinking from day of purchase through 2030+."

#### 4 Stars Cuisine Pinot Noir Tasting, April 2025 (2023 Vintage)

"Youthful and deeply coloured with coconut and spice balancing the sweet fruit aromas on the nose. The palate is well weighted and nicely textured with a lovely juiciness though the midpalate that nicely balances the generous oak present."

Reviews for previous vintages below...

#### 93/100 Mike Bennie, The Wine Front, December 2022 (2020 Vintage)

"Dense and dark, ripe fruited, doused with warm, clove and cinnamon spice. IN all that, larger proportions but well judged, brooding, chunky, dry and firm to finish, and up to that a wine of slurpy, dense but elevated pinot. It delivers a true to form expression of Central Otago pinots, in that heftier but well balanced sense."

#### 5 Stars Michael Cooper (2019 Vintage)

"This is one of the region's highest-profile reds. Matured for a year in French oak casks (25 per cent new), the 2019 vintage is very ageworthy. Full, bright ruby, it is mouthfilling, with good concentration of ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours, and nutty, savoury notes adding complexity. Best drinking 2023+."

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