

Press Release from Rockburn Wines – Wednesday 12th October 2011

Rockburn Pinot Noir 2010 Wins Gold & Best in Class at the prestigious International Wine & Spirits Competition (IWSC) in London

Rockburn Wines' Pinot Noir 2010 has taken out a Gold Medal and gone on to be awarded – 'best in class' at the lauded International Wine & Spirits Competition in London. Hot on the heels of the multi gold and trophy winning 2009 Pinot Noir the 2010 has already picked up a Gold medal at the New Zealand & International Wine Show and was recently awarded 5 stars in the Winestate Magazine, earning a nomination for wine of the year.

Judges noted; "*Deep rich red colour to rim. Smoke, earth and spice on the nose, with rich dark cherry and damson fruit. Firm tannins show an authoritative mark and give the sumptuous fruit superb definition. Well melded oak and a clean driving finish, Central Otago's reputation is being well held here.*"

Rockburn's winemaker, Malcolm Rees-Francis, commented, "The prevailing opinion locally is that the 2009 and 2010 vintages are a rare pairing of very high quality years; this is yet another great result for our 2010 and is a strong signal it will follow in the footsteps of its illustrious predecessor which is still being widely enjoyed today."

Rockburn's Pinot Noir is a pure expression of Central Otago derived from the estate vineyard sites at Gibbston and Parkburn and the 2010 vintage contributes to a long and proud tradition of success.

The 2009 Pinot Noir has also won the award for 'Best Pinot Noir' and the Trophy for 'Wine of Show' at the Association of Australian Boutique Winemakers Awards 2010; 'Best Pinot Noir Trophy' at the Shanghai International Wine Challenge 2010; and collected a Blue Gold, Top 100 award at the Sydney International Wine Competition 2010 as well as a Gold Medal at the NZ International Wine Show.

Over the last decade, Rockburn Wines have consistently won gold medals and trophies for their Pinot Noirs including the trophy for 'Champion Pinot Noir' at the 2008 Air New Zealand Awards.

RRP \$45.00 and available Fine Wine Stores from November 2011

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