

# Chard Farm

CENTRAL OTAGO

## Chard Farm the Viper Pinot Noir 2022

*Central Otago*

The Viper Vineyard is located in the Parkburn Valley sub-region, more specifically on the western shores of Lake Dunstan. Those with ophidiophobia will be delighted to learn that the vineyard is named after the abundance of 'vipers bugloss', a local wildflower, and not the venomous reptiles. This is almost invariably my favourite of the Chard Farm Pinots, and this vintage is no exception.

A pale crimson, this is an earthy and yet saline style of Pinot. Very much in the savoury style, there is a line of minerality backing it. Red fruits, florals, hints of matchstick and flint with some almond bitterness on the finish, intertwined with sour cherry notes. Good early complexity, satiny tannins and very good length, this is at least a six to ten year proposition

**Score : 95**

**Ken Gargett**



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