

2022 Monte Christo Winery Bannockburn Pinot Noir

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The 2022 Bannockburn Pinot Noir is lighter in color and much more savory/herbal than either the Central Otago or the Pisa bottling. Here, there is red apple skin, a hint of tamarind, savory game nuances, peppercorns and cracked fennel seeds. In the mouth, while the wine feels lightweight, it is infused with a profusion of firm tannin that serves to shape the fruit. There is lovely fresh acidity here; and while I find myself preferring the aforementioned bottling, I wonder also if vintage has a lot to do with that, as I become more and more enamored with the wines of 2023. 13.3% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.

**- Erin Larkin (December, 2024)**

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