



Maude
Central Otago
Rosé
2026

Vintage Summary

The 2026 growing season got off to a dramatic start with an unexpected snowfall at Mt Maude on 27 October. Fortunately, warm, windy weather quickly followed and, better still, the damaging frosts that often follow a spring snowfall never eventuated.

The season remained cooler and slower than we've become accustomed to in Central Otago. Persistent winds, regular rainfall and below-average temperatures delayed ripening by around two weeks. Those who live here will undoubtedly remember the 2026 summer for its absence.

Thankfully, autumn delivered, with warm days, cool nights and settled conditions allowing the fruit to ripen slowly and evenly. The 2026 wines are showing remarkable purity and intensity.

Central Otago Vineyard blend—Lowburn

100% Pinot Noir from Mohawk Hill and neighbouring Lowburn vineyard. Chilled fruit is foot stomped and spends 3 hours on skins, allowing the juice to develop a pale blush colour and draw out some of the wonderful Pinot Noir aromatics. A 'Provincial' style with rose petals, watermelon and wild herbs on the bouquet and beautifully dry, crisp and textural.

Harvest Date: 23rd March & 8th April 2026

Bottling Date: 23rd July 2026

Quantity Bottled: 880 dozen

Alcohol: 13.5%

Res Sugar: 2.0 g/L

pH: 3.40

Acidity: 6.2 g/L

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