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Wine news

Rockburn's highly acclaimed 2013 pinot noir from Central Otago has been recognised abroad, receiving a 92pt rating from *The Wine Enthusiast* and a 90pt rating from *The Wine Spectator*. This off the back of receiving double gold for the 2013 and 2014 vintages at the Drinks Business Global Pinot Noir Masters tastings in the UK.
Rockburn.co.nz

• **Wither Hills is opening a new restaurant at its Marlborough winery in November with a slick Paul Izzard-designed interior. The venue will also be available for small functions from November and larger events and weddings from January 2016.**
Witherhills.co.nz

• Saint Clair Family Estate have released Saint Clair Dawn 2012. Their first ever method traditionnelle-style wine is made from premium pinot noir and chardonnay grapes using the traditional method of production. The wine is elegant and complex with a rich palate and fine mousse. It is named after owner Neal Ibbotson's mother, who shared a few "early release" bottles with friends at her 100th birthday celebration. RRP \$49 saintclair.co.nz

• Last week saw the release of Graham Norton's Own Marlborough sauvignon blanc, the third Invivo vintage blended by Graham himself (with a little help from chief winemaker Rob Cameron) in Ireland. Graham says: "It is easy drinking. It's got all the grassiness and zest you expect from a new world sauvignon blanc but I like to think it has a bit of an old world finish. Oh, and it's affordable!"

• Saint Clair Family Estate have released Saint Clair Dawn RRP\$18.99 from liquor outlets nationwide.

