



Two Paddocks was established in 1993 by Kiwi actor, Sam Neill, who was raised in the South Island of New Zealand, and still calls it home. Initially Sam bought a paddock in Gibbston and aimed to grow a small amount of his favourite grape – Pinot Noir – with the hope of producing enough wine for his friends and family.

Back then, Central Otago was in the very early days of winegrowing, so to buy and plant Two Paddocks was a huge leap of faith.

Nowadays the region is 80% planted in Pinot Noir and has arguably been New Zealand's most successful region with this variety. Sam Neill spends several months a year based in Central Otago, writes the Two Paddocks blog, produces and stars in the MAXiMOViES on the website, and is responsible for the fun and irreverent team environment.

IMAGES This page – Above – Sam Neitl – Proprietor. Below – The 'Last Chance' Vineyard – one of the furthest south vineyards in the world. Bottle – Two Paddocks Estate Pinot Noir. Opposite page – Two Paddocks' Fusilier Vineyard.

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Two Paddocks now consists of four small vineyards in the Gibbston, Alexandra (Earnscleugh) and Bannockburn sub-regions of Central Otago. The vineyards are grown within a holistic farming model, which aims to naturally recycle all farm animal and vine by-products back into composts and nutrient rich soil enhancers that are then applied to the vineyards. Over time, this will make the Two Paddocks portfolio entirely certified Organic.