

Free Range Otago Red Stag hunt

An opportunity for an SCI NZ member to hunt a high quality, traditional Otago Red Stag (*Cervus elaphus scoticus*). This, 2020, roar season.

150th anniversary season of the 1871 liberation at Morven Hills.

Outfitter: Chris McCarthy / Lake Hawea Hunting Safaris.

Since 2009 Lake Hawea Hunting Safaris has been re-connecting hunters with the once world famous Otago red deer herd. Our game management programme, across large tracts of private land (86,000 acres) has nurtured these unique red deer back to a sustainable hunting resource; now producing traditional Otago stag trophies and a traditional hunting experience not seen since the halcyon days of the 1930's.

The world is now being re-introduced to these classical, traditional, eye pleasing stags, with their sweeping back tines and unrivaled style. This is a free range hunting experience that is impossible to describe without having experienced it for yourself.

Hunt Details:

This hunt is for 1 hunter, 1 companion / hunting buddy may accompany the hunter free of charge as an observer.

Available dates: Arrive 12 April, depart 18 April, 5 full hunting days, 6 nights accommodation. Peak roar dates. (Next availability for this hunt 2024 season, hunts limited to 10 mature stags per year, only 4 stags taken in 2020 due to international bookings being postponed by Covid 19).

Hunt based around a minimum 12 point Otago stag of around 270 - 280 class SCI, best stag we have ever taken scored 301 SCI, 2019 season we took 5 Otago stags over 40 inches, 2020 we took 2 stags over 40 inches before being Covid affected.

Hunt is within our 86,000 acre free range area, tahr and fallow can also be added.

Terrain ranges from rolling low country to picturesque beech forested river valleys. Suitable to all fitness levels, the lower country is well tracked.

Price \$17,000 NZD includes 1 genuine Otago stag (*Cervus elaphus scoticus*), all meals, comfortable cabin accommodation and the chance to see a high number of high quality free ranging stags, an open country roar experience like no other.

Reference available upon request from a current SCI member and long standing client of Lake Hawea Hunting Safaris.

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