

Misha's Vineyard "Dress Circle" Pinot Gris 2008

95 points Bob Campbell

"Delicately perfumed wine with pure fresh pear and subtle clove flavours. The texture is ethereal and length of flavour impressive. Beautifully balanced with a dry-ish finish - the wine certainly shows no overt sweetness."

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Selected for the Tri-Nations Wine Challenge - rated one of the top 2 Pinot Gris in New Zealand. (Oct 09)

"Misha's Vineyard a New Star from Central Otago. New wineries in Central Otago seem to be sprouting like weeds lately... so a new winery promoting its new releases is no surprise. What is a surprise is that with the first commercial vintage from Misha's Vineyard they have produced a selection of four superb wines."

"Misha's Vineyard "Dress Circle" Pinot Gris 2008 Delicate floral nose, strong ripe pears and spice on palate, a perfect balance of sweet fruit and crisp acidity, certainly one of the best Pinot Gris from the 2008 vintage". (Glenda Neil, Vinoté)

"Misha's Vineyard "Dress Circle" Pinot Gris 2008 has a delicately fragrant perfume with a hint of zest and a slightly oily textured palate with pear and mandarin and a bright citrus flourish to the zesty finish. There is heady alcoholic warmth yet a refreshing coolness". (Sue Courtney, wineoftheweek.com)

"Pinot Gris-lovely, elegant excellent varietal, refined" (Raymond Chan, Regional Wines/Spirits)

"Pinot Gris '08. Very bright and clear with emerging aromas of sour apple and warm apple juice, white flowers, chalk and schist notes. Off dry palate with intense fruit character, very obvious structure. A medium ++ finish - overall a very well balanced wine with a strong finish and huge potential". (Cameron J. Douglas, Master Sommelier)

"I enjoyed your wines and think you have great future. Best of luck on that. ...Like too many Central Otago wines they weren't thick and shiraz-like. The other wines were quite smart, tightly focused the way I like and beautifully balanced. Great job". (Paul J. White, D.Phil. (Oxon) Wine, Food and Travel writer)

"Misha's Vineyard 2008 Dress Circle Pinot Gris: A Central Otago beauty that's delicately textured and perfumed with pure pears/spice flavour and a dryish finish" (Warren Barton, The Southland Times)

"Misha's Dress Circle Pinot Gris 2008. Fresh, nicely delicate, yet distinctive pinot gris; quite subtle and tasty with the crisp fruit statement that shows in the first Misha whites. Very pleasant, easy and in no hurry" (Peter Saunders, F&B, Dec 2008)

"Applause, please, for a new entrant in the world of wine. Misha's Vineyard has one of the most beautiful sites in the country...The Wilkinsons spent much of their working life in Asia and establishing this vineyard is the fulfilment of a long-held dream. They've managed to snare an impressive team, including high-profile viticulturalist Robin Dicey and Pinot Noir specialist Olly Masters. To date, along with the Gewurztraminer there's a Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Riesling. Tough time to get started, but fortune favours the brave. Recommended." (John Hawkesby, NZ Herald)