



Misha's Vineyard 'Dress Circle' Pinot Gris 2011



95/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "Classic pure pear flavours with a mineral hint. Great mouthfeel and weight with a pleasantly drying finish that shows very little evidence of phenolics. Weighty wine with gobs of fruit in a most appealing style. (Bob Campbell, MW, *Gourmet Traveller WINE*, Top 100 New Releases, June/July 2012)

18.5/20 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "80% cool-fermented in stainless-steel, 20% warm-fermented by indigenous yeasts in old French oak to 14.0% alc. and 11 g/L rs. Brilliant, very pale straw colour with green hues, pale on rim. The nose is one of refinement, tightly bound with delicate exotic florals and rose petal aromas, along with subtle, but definite lines of spice. Medium-dry, this is very finely proportioned and tight in expression, with intense rose petal and blossom flavours. The palate is silky-smooth with a very fine and slippery mouthfeel that is soft, round and balanced by delicate, lacy acidity. The depth of fruit and linear drive carries the florals and spice notes to a long and lingering finish. This is a Gewurztraminer with finesse and intensity to match with salmon, poultry and cheeses over the next 3-4 years." (Raymond Chan, *Raymond Chan Wine Reviews*)

90/100 "Astounding fruit freshness. Light in colour but rich in aroma of Nashi pear. Tight on the palate. Good varietal expression and a great example of New Zealand Pinot Gris. Cellar for the next 4 years". (Jayson Bryant, *Unscrewed.co.nz*)

4.5 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ "Invitingly scented, full-bodied wine (14% alc/vol), showing excellent vibrancy, richness and complexity (32% of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in old French oak casks.) Strong, very fresh lychee, pear and spice flavours, in a medium-dry style with a slightly oily texture and a lingering finish. Well worth cellaring." (Michael Cooper, *WINESTATE*)

91 points "There is a quality of elegance. It's ripe and gently fragrant, showing pear, peach and floral aromas followed by a succulent palate, finishing long and refined. A slender beauty showing pristine fruit flavours. Yes indeed, Pinot Gris can be invigorating and most pleasing. ." (Sam Kim, *Wine Orbit*)

4 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ "Nose and Palate: Flavours of grated pear and apple; a voluptuous edge and mineral undertones. A second taste reveals a citrus flourish accentuated by a youthful spritzzy note adding an enticing texture. Overall a delicious wine. Balanced and well made. (Cameron Douglas, *Master Sommelier*)

"Misha's makes a pinot gris with impressive purity and a texture to die for." (Bob Campbell, MW)

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