



## Misha's Vineyard 'Dress Circle' Pinot Gris 2012



**93/100** ★★★★★ "A lovely dry pinot gris with whispering sweetness, the elegant bouquet shows white peach, lemon pith and floral characters. It's succulent and beautifully weighted on the palate with refreshing acidity and silky texture, finishing long and smooth. A delightful expression without the overt fruitiness. Again small cropping (especially for pinot gris) at 5.26 tonnes per hectare with a partial barrel fermentation in seasoned French oak barrels. At its best: now to 2020. 14%. Screwcap." **(Sam Kim, Wine Orbit)**

**5 stars** ★★★★★ "The 2012 (5\*), estate-grown and hand-picked at Bendigo, was mostly handled in tanks; 31 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in old French oak barrels. Made in an off-dry style (6 grams/litre of residual sugar), it's the best vintage yet. Harvested in early May, it is mouthfilling and rich, with vibrant, concentrated lychee, pear and spice flavours, a touch of complexity, an oily texture and obvious potential." **(Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)**

**91/100** "Bottled in October. 25% natural yeast ferment. Off dry. Rich and punchy pear and dried fruit characters on the nose. Fruit hangs perfectly on a back drop of precise acid and minerality." **(Jayson Bryant, Unscrewed.co.nz)**

**90/100** "Classic pear and honeysuckle characters with a seasoning of anise/spice and brioche. Classy off/dry Pinot Gris with good purity and a lengthy finish. Stylish and seductive wine." **(Bob Campbell, MW)**

**18/20** "Bright, soft straw-yellow colour, the faintest suggestion of blush. This has an attractive, gently full bouquet of ripe pears with nuances of rose-petals, delicate spices and honeysuckle, building with depth and showing good depth. Dryish to taste, the flavours are a little shy and locked-in. White and yellow stonefruits with kernel and skin flavours are revealed on a palate with good weight and mouthfilling presence. Very fine textures and a creaminess show good phenolic handling, though some alcohol warmth is noticeable. The wine has power and vinosity at the core which carries the restrained flavours to a finish with good length. This is an aromatic, off-dry Pinot Gris that is restrained in flavour at present, but shows good power and body. It will develop with greater richness over the next 4+ years. Serve with poultry and pork. Hand-picked fruit,

WBP and cool-fermented with 31% by indigenous yeasts in seasoned French oak to 14.0% alc. and 6 g/L rs. 1299 cases made. 18.0-/20 Apr 2013" **(Raymond Chan)**

**4 stars** ★★★★★ "Nose: A pure fruit expression white fleshed fruits with hints of citrus and honeysuckle; spice edges to the apple and pear fruits add a delightful complexity. Palate: Follows through on the palate with a medium+ intensity, medium+ acid – balanced, gentle and well made. One thing I especially like about this wine is texture. Ollie (Winemaker) has this really cool ability to visualise how a wine is going to behave on the palate after a given period of time. For this Pinot Gris - the pure fruit expression, medium+ acidity and gentle nudge of residual sugar are in balance and harmony". **(Cameron Douglas, MS)**

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