



## Misha's Vineyard 'Verismo' Pinot Noir 2011



**96/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 Stars** "Fresh, lively, complex and youthful bouquet of ripe red berry fruits - quite concentrated; new and not so new oak with spice and gentle vanilla scents; a distinctive and haunting core, an echo of something - the vineyard, the moment, the vintage. On the palate - vibrant, tense, dry and complex and equally alluring as the bouquet; flavours of light red fruits, sweet rose and red apple skin; very fine yet concentrated tannins; plenty of acidity and loads of charm and elegance. The cadence then finish of this wine are delightful. Decant for service; will mature for 10 years or more." (**Cameron Douglas, Master Sommelier**)

**95/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 Stars** "Flagship Pinot Noir with impressive weight and intensity. It's a selection of three parcels of low-cropped vineyards from warmer sites. Quite a fleshy wine with strong plum, raspberry and cherry, together with hints of savoury, spice and liquorice. Impressive wine - complex with a lingering finish." (**Bob Campbell, www.bobcampbell.nz**)

**18.5+/20** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 Stars** "Moderately deep ruby-red colour with lighter garnet hues on the edge. This is elegantly proportioned on bouquet with softly concentrated and harmoniously melded aromas of red berry fruits infused with spices, savoury herbs, earth and cedary oak. Some liquorice and whole bunch nuances unfold with aeration, adding subtle layers of interest. This is beginning to show the beginnings of secondary complexity. Medium-full bodied, this has a concentrated core of red berry fruits smoothly entwined with waves of savoury and spicy earth, dark herb and cedary oak. Nuances of liquorice and whole bunch dried herbs add to the detail. The wine has underlying power and drive, and the wine flows along a silky-smooth, very fine-textured line, with lacy acidity in support. The tannins are flowery and grow to provide plenty of structure, leading to a long, earthy and cedary nuanced finish. This is a complex, elegant, very fine, silken-textured Pinot Noir with waves of savoury and spicy red fruits, now beginning to show secondary interest. Match with slow-cooked game meat and casseroles over the next 6-8 years. 49% clone 777, 38% clone 6 and 13% Abel clone, given a cold soak and indigenous yeast fermented to 14.0% alc. with 5-10% whole clusters, the wine spending 24 days on skins and aged 15 months in 43% new French oak. 410 doz. 18.5/20 Sep 2015." (**Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz**)

**91+/100** "Medium to deep ruby-purple, the 2011 Verismo Pinot Noir is a little close with a core of black and red currants, plums and mulberries plus accents of Provence herbs and lilacs. Medium bodied with plenty of tight-knit plummy flavors plus grainy tannins and some earthiness, it has a long finish." (**Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW for Wine Advocate/Robert Parker**)

**4.5 Stars** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ This 'reserve style' is oak-aged longer, with greater exposure to new oak, than its High Note stablemate. The refined 2011 vintage (4.5\*) was matured in French oak hogsheads (43 per cent new) and not bottled until Dec 2012. A generous, silky red, it has lightish colour, with plum, spice and nut flavours, showing excellent complexity and harmony." (**Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines.**)