

Impromptu by Misha's Vineyard Pinot Noir 2014



93/100 "Soft-textured, silken pinot noir with cherry, woodsmoke, liquorice and spicy oak flavours. Attractive wine that's all the better for a little time in bottle. Nicely integrated wine with density, integrity and character. Offers good value at this price. 18/5/2017. Drink 2017 to 2021". Recommended as a "Good Buy". (Bob Campbell MW, www.BobCampbell.nz)

93/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "It is sweetly fragrant on the nose showing mixed berry compote, game, spice and floral characters. The palate delivers excellent fruit weight and silky texture, beautifully supported by elegant fruit intensity and supple mouthfeel, leading to a lingering smooth finish. The wine is flavoursome and approachable, and offers fabulous drinking. At its best: now to 2019. April 2017." (Sam Kim, Wine Orbit)

17.5/20 "Dark ruby-red colour with slight purple hues and good depth, a little lighter on edge. This has a firm and densely packed nose of ripe dark-red and black-berried fruits entwined with an amalgam of savoury dark herbs, liquorice and earth, revealing some mineral elements. Medium-full bodied the palate is up-front with fulsome flavours of savoury dark-red berry fruit intermingling with dark herbs, earth and minerals. The palate shows plenty of body and presence with mouthfilling flavours. The fruit is supported by balanced, fin-grained tannin extraction with lacy background acidity providing energy and freshness. The wine carries with vitality to a sweet-fruited, lingering finish with a firm core. This is a fulsome Pinot Noir with savoury red berried fruits, along with herb, earth and mineral interest on a balanced, fine, grainy structured palate with good vitality. Match with roasted and grilled red meats and casseroles over the next 5-6+ years. A barrel selection wine. Clones 777, 667, 114, 4, 5, Abel and 6, indigenous yeast fermented with approx. 2.5% whole clusters to 14.0% alc., the wine spending on average 24 days on skins and 8 months in 18% new French 300 L oak barrels. 1,022 dozen made. Apr 2017. (Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz)

4 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ "This red is made principally for sale by the glass in restaurants and bars. Estate-grown at Bendigo, the 2014 vintage (4*), released in 2017, was fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured in French oak hogsheads (18 per cent new). Full, bright ruby, it is mouthfilling and savoury, with well-ripened plum, cherry, spice and nut flavours, a hint of mint chocolate, and very satisfying complexity, harmony and depth. Drink now onwards." (Michael Cooper, www.MichaelCooper.co.nz, The Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines, 2016)