



Misha's Vineyard 'The High Note' Pinot Noir 2011



95/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** *"Tense, focused, youthful and complex - a plethora of aromas from wild rose to cherry, autumn leaves to cranberry, minerals to oak spices. On the palate - equally intense and engaging with a taut and focused structure led by abundant tannins offering finer textures, medium+ acidity and oak - then - a core of light red fruits and gentle spices; overall a tight and tension filled wine with plenty of time in bottle ahead; complex and true to Pinot Noirs' messages of allure and mystery. Drink now if decanted otherwise continue to cellar and enjoy from 2018 through 2025."* (**Cameron Douglas, Master Sommelier**)

93/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** *"A beautifully maturing pinot, the fragrant bouquet shows dark berry, plum, black olive and truffle characters with a floral lift. The palate is beautifully weighted and finely textured, and offers rounded mouthfeel and fabulous fruit flavours. The wine is elegant and wonderfully expressed, and finishes superbly long and silky. At its best: now to 2020. Oct 2016."* (**Sam Kim, Wine Orbit**)

18.5/20 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** *"Even, moderately dark ruby-red colour, lighter on the rim. The bouquet is softly full and densely packed with solid and complex aromas of savoury dark red cherry, berry and plum fruit along with notes of dried herbs and secondary earthy and game, unfolding dark-red floral elements. This has depth, density and power. Medium-full bodied, this has a fulsome palate with flavours of ripe dark-red cherries, berries and plums entwined with savoury secondary layers of dried herbs, earth, undergrowth and game nuances. The mouthfeel has sweetly rich fruit, balanced by positive, grainy tannin structure, and the fruit is enlivened by a lacy acid background. The flavours carry with drive and substance to a long, solid finish of dark berry and plum fruit with notes of savoury herbs and earth. This is a fulsome, dark cherry, berry and plum fruited Pinot Noir with plenty of structure and weight, the wine showing savoury secondary complexities. Match with game meat and casseroles over the next 5-6 years. Clones 30% 777, 25% 5, 22% 667, 15% 6 and 8% 4, given a cold soak and indigenous yeast fermented to 13.5% alc., the wine spending 23 days on skins, and wine aged 18 months in 30% new 300 L hogsheads. Oct 2016."* (**Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz**)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **4.5 stars** *"Maturing well, the 2011 vintage, estate-grown in the Cromwell Basin, was harvested at 23.8-26 brix, fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured in French oak hogsheads (30 per cent new). Deep ruby, it is mouthfilling and savoury, with warm cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours, a hint of herbs, and excellent complexity. Drink now or cellar."* (**Michael Cooper, New Zealand Wines 2017 – Buyer's Guide**)

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