

Impromptu by Misha's Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015



93/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "It is finely scented and inviting on the nose showing spiced cherry, toasted almond, olive and thyme characters. The palate is elegantly expressed and beautifully weighted, offering silky texture and fine tannins. The wine offers lovely fruit flavours together with attractive spicy notes, finishing long and smooth. At its best: now to 2020. Feb 2018."

(Sam Kim, www.wineorbit.com)

4 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ "From Misha's Vineyard, this estate-grown Bendigo red is made in a 'more upfront, sweet-fruited' style than its similarly priced stablemate, Misha's Vineyard Cantata Pinot Noir. Still youthful, the 2015 vintage (4*) was matured in French oak hogsheads (17 per cent new). Bright ruby, it is full-bodied, vibrantly fruity and supple, with excellent depth of berryish, plummy, spicy flavours, considerable complexity, and a finely textured finish. It's delicious now." (Michael Cooper, *Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines*)

17.5/20 ★ ★ ★ ★ "Moderately deep garnet-hued ruby-red colour with a paler edge. The nose is softly full and up-front with good volume of harmoniously layered aromas of red berry fruits forming a gentle core, intermingling with dark herbal nuances, along with lifted, ethereal red florals. Medium-bodied, the palate is soft and gently rich with red berry fruit flavours integrated with dark herb notes and nuances of liquorice and spice. The fruit is supported by light, supple, tannin extraction with balancing, fresh, lacy acidity, lending attractive accessibility. The flavours build in intensity and carry to a soft-textured finish. This is a pretty, soft and elegant, harmonious red berry fruited Pinot Noir with herb and floral detail and a supple, accessible palate. Serve with salmon, tuna and poultry dishes over the next 3 years. 57% clone 777, 5% clone 5 and 4% each clone 667 and Abel, indigenous yeast fermented with 15% whole bunches to 14.0% alc., the wine spending 24 days on skins and aged 16 months in 17% new 300L French oak barrels. 17.5/20 Feb 2018." (Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz)

90/100 "Vibrant, fruity, varietal and quietly complex bouquet with spice, red berry fruits, - cranberry, red cherry and plum. Lush textures and fine tannins, a crunchy texture on the second taste, balanced and well-made with decent concentration and length. Easily the best example of Impromptu to date. Drink now and through 2022." (Cameron Douglas MS www.camdouglasms.com)

89/100 "Entry level pinot noir that's a little more serious than many, with moderately concentrated dark berry, cherry, wood smoke and toasty oak flavours supported by firm but rounded tannins. Good value at this price." (Bob Campbell MW, www.BobCampbell.nz)

"Winemaker Olly Masters has crafted a pinot that overflows with lovely fruit, evocative of red and dark crushed berries. The fruit stretches out to long finish, carried by well-defined tannins and acidity. A pinot with charm, tension and depth". (John Saker, *Your Weekend, New Zealand Herald*)