



Misha's Vineyard 'Verismo' Pinot Noir 2012



19/20 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 Stars** “Even, light ruby-red colour with slight garnet hues, paler on the edge. The bouquet is full and voluminous with very good depth and well-packed with a complex amalgam of savoury dark-red berry fruits, dark herbs and red florals, unfolding notes of plums, liquorice and minerals. Medium-full bodied, the palate has a mouth-filling array of flavours with savoury dark-red cherry and berry fruit entwined with dark herbs and nuances of earth and minerals, revealing some secondary dried herb and undergrowth complexities. The fruit is supported by fine-grained tannin extract providing grip. The palate is full and dense, with soft acidity allowing the structure to prevail. The wine has considerable underlying power, carrying the flavours to an ethereal finish with complex savoury fruit, herb and undergrowth notes. This is a rich, powerful and concentrated Pinot Noir with complex layers of savoury fruit, herbs and minerals, now showing secondary development interest. Match with casseroles and slow-cooked game meat dishes over the next 6-8+ years. A barrel selection wine. Clones 777 (52%), 5 (22%), Abel (22%) and 115 (4%), destemmed and indigenous yeast fermented to 13.5% alc., the wine spending 24 days on skins and aged 10 months in 44% new French oak 300 L hogsheads, and given a further 9 months in barrel after racking. Sep 2017.” (Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz)

96/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 Stars** “Superbly complex and sophisticated, the wine exhibits sweet berry aromas together with smoked game, cedar, truffle and black olive notes. The palate delivers excellent concentration and power, while remaining elegant and perfectly proportioned, wonderfully enhanced by silky texture and fine tannins. The wine is multi-layered exhibiting spicy/savoury notes with fabulous juicy fruit flavours. At its best: now to 2022. Sept 2017.” (Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, www.wineorbit.co.nz)

95/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 Stars** “Elegant, savoury pinot noir with obvious bottle-age character adding a stemmy, 'forest floor' complexity to cherry and berry fruit and spicy oak. A nicely layered and quite distinctive wine, with fine tannins providing a useful backbone that balances subtle sweet fruit.” Oct 2017 (Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz)

4.5 Stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ “The 2012 vintage was matured for 16 months in French oak hogsheads (44 per cent new). Ruby hued, it is still youthful in colour, with a fresh, slightly leafy bouquet. Full-bodied, it has strong cherry, plum, herb and spice flavours, nutty, savoury notes adding complexity, and a firm finish. Drink now or cellar.” (Michael Cooper, *Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines*).

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