



## Misha's Vineyard 'The High Note' Pinot Noir 2016



**96/100** ★★★★★ ★★★★★ **5 stars** "As with many of the previous vintages of The High Note this is complex, tense, poised and youthful. The bouquet is slow to reveal its many layers - so decanting is needed if you intend to try this wine before 2022. After quite some time in glass the aromas then flavours begin to release: red apple skin with raspberry, cherry with rose and plum then wood spice with mineral. Toasty, lightly smoky oak with plenty of flavour & presence. Altogether a wine with great potential - an abundance of tannins and acidity to match, a focus and concentration of flavour and texture & a lengthy dry finish. A truly lovely wine looking to be a quiet dark cellar till at least 2022 & easily through to 2030". (*Cameron Douglas, Master Sommelier*)

**19/20** ★★★★★ ★★★★★ **5 stars** "Moderately deep ruby-red colour with garnet hues, lighter on the rim. The nose is vibrant in expression with fragrant, near ethereal aromas of red berry fruits finely interwoven with lifted red florals and perfumes, subtle notes of dark herbs, unfolding liquorice and spice elements from the core. The aromatics are refined and beautiful. Medium-full bodied, the palate is elegant in proportion with very good depth and intensity of aromatic red berry fruit along with a red floral array, dark herbs and a suggestion of whole bunch stalk elements. The palate is poised, with sweet and rich fruit underlined by fine-grained flowery tannin extraction and soft, lacy acidity. The palate core flows with linearity leading to a long and sustained, elegant finish. This is a beautifully elegant and aromatic Pinot Noir with sweetly rich red berry fruits and fragrant florals on a refined palate structure. Serve with poultry and pork over the next 6+ years. A blend of 50% clone 5, 28% 777, 21% 667 and 11% Abel, indigenous yeast fermented with 20% whole bunches to 14.0% alc., the wine spending 24 days on skins on average, and aged 11 months in 33% new 300 L French oak barrels, then given another 7 months in barrel and tank. Aug 2018.". (*Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz*)

**95/100** ★★★★★ ★★★★★ **5 stars** "Perfumed pinot noir with floral, violet, black cherry, thyme, spice and classy oak flavours. Impressively pure wine with a silken texture and lingering finish. A very appealing and accessible pinot." (*Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review/Gourmet Traveller WINE*)

**95/100** ★★★★★ ★★★★★ **5 stars** "Complex, fragrant and seductive, the magnificently expressed bouquet shows dark berry, game, truffle, floral and hazelnut aromas, followed by a concentrated palate that is elegant and refined. The wine displays wonderful harmony and multi-layered mouthfeel, superbly complemented by fine texture and seamlessly integrated tannins. Lovely flow and persistence. At its best: now to 2026. Sept 2018." (*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit*)

**5 stars** ★★★★★ ★★★★★ Potential 'CLASSIC' wine status. "Estate-grown at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin, the classy 2016 vintage (5\*) was hand-harvested from 13-year-old vines (at 24.3 to 25.4 brix), and matured for a year in French oak hogsheads (33 per cent new). A very graceful red, it is bright ruby, floral and sweet-fruited, with strong, vibrant plum, spice and nut flavours. Complex, savoury and supple, with a finely balanced, very persistent finish, it's well worth cellaring to 2020+." (*Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines, 2019*)