



Misha's Vineyard 'The High Note' Pinot Noir 2018



Misha's Vineyard "The High Note" Pinot Noir is rated as a **'POTENTIAL CLASSIC'** in the *Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines* by Michael Cooper. This accolade is for a wine that in quality terms, consistently ranks in the very forefront of its class.

95/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Awarded Top Rank.** "Pungently aromatic pinot noir with floral, rose petal and violet aromas occupying centre-stage with a mix of spice, cherry, berry and nutty oak playing a supporting role. A silken-textured wine with a lingering finish. Impressive and accessible with potential." Dec 2019 (**Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review**)

95/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "Wonderfully composed and expressed, the splendidly fragrant bouquet shows dark cherry, raspberry, toasted almond, dark spice and floral aromas, followed by a concentrated palate that's refined and graceful. It's elegant yet mouthfilling and generous within a beautifully proportioned frame, finishing impressively long and expansive. At its best: now to 2028. ." (**Sam Kim www.wineorbit.com**)

5 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Potential 'CLASSIC' wine status.** "Estate-grown at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin, the impressive 2018 vintage (5*) was hand-picked from 15-year-old vines, fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured for a year in French oak hogsheads (37 per cent new). Deep ruby, it is fragrant, very savoury and smooth, with mouth-filling body and concentrated, ripe cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours, showing excellent complexity and harmony. Already approachable, it should break into full stride from 2022 onwards." Dec 2019 (**Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines**)

95/100 "An enticing bouquet with aromas of ripe red berry fruits and dried herb layered between scents of oak and toasty wood spices, a dark rose & earthy quality. On the palate - equally enticing with a core of pinosity centering on red berry and plum, dark florals and savoury undertones. Layers of oak and baking spices adding depth and complexity. Firm youthful tannins with a chalk-like texture, plenty of acidity and overall solid structure. Lengthy, detailed and dry finish. Decant for service - slightly cooler than you might ordinarily prepare a Pinot Noir & enjoy from today through 2026." (**Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com**)

18/20 "The High Note is the top Pinot Noir from Misha's Vineyard in Bendigo, Central Otago. Estate grown grapes were fermented with natural yeasts with a modest 6% whole bunch fermentation and post ferment skin maceration time of about 24 days followed by aging in 300 litre French oak, 37% new. It was filtered before bottling in April 2019. Drinks well now and will unfold more flavour with time in bottle." (**Joelle Thomson, JoelleThomson.com**)

4 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ "Crafted from a mixture of UCD5, 777, 115, 4 and Abel clones, this Bendigo-grown pinot noir has personality plus. Youthful, yet complex cherry, dark berry and gamey notes erupt from the glass and do the wild thing with layers of slippery, stretchy tannins to create lasting textures that'll impress anyone you serve this to." (**Yvonne Lorkin, www.yvonnelorkin.com**)