



Misha's Vineyard 'Cantata' Pinot Noir 2018



19/20 *"Cantata is the mid-priced Pinot Noir in Misha's Vineyard range and is made with grapes grown solely on the estate owned vineyard in Bendigo. The grapes in this wine were destemmed with 25% whole bunches retained and fermented with natural yeasts. The ferment was hand plunged two to three times a day and kept warm, post ferment, to allow tannin extraction for an average of 22 days before the wine was pressed to tanks, cold settled, then aged in 300 litre French oak barrels until the following spring. It drinks well now and will continue to evolve for three to four years. Dry, smooth and fruity with a lingering finish. It was filtered before bottling in October 2019. (Joelle Thomson, www.joellethomson.com)"*

94/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** *"A gorgeous juicy attack of Black Doris plum and spiced cherry on the nose with nuances of thyme, almond and floral, leading to a succulent palate that offers lovely weight and fine texture. It's beautifully harmonious and lingering with a polished mouthfeel. At its best: now to 2026. Dec 2019. (Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, www.wineorbit.com)"*

93/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** *"Lovely bouquet with of dark spices and toasty wood, black cherry and wild raspberry, dried herb and wild thyme, generous and complex, enticing and real. On the palate - equally fruity and complex with fruit flavours that are both ripe and tart, firm to fine tannins, medium+ acidity and generous finish. A balanced and well- made wine with nothing but Pinosity and style, familiarity and charm. Drinking well now and through 2022+. I suggest you decant for service." December 2019 (Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com)"*

4.5 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *"Designed principally for 'on-premise' sale in restaurants, this label offers consistently good value. Estate-grown at Bendigo, the 2018 vintage (4.5*) was fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured in French oak hogsheads (17 per cent new). Bright ruby, with a fragrant, savoury bouquet, it is mouthfilling, with generous, ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours, moderately firm tannins and good complexity. Already approachable, it should be at its best 2021". Dec 2019 (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)*

92/100 **Silver Ribbon** *"Misha's mid-range pinot noir is a step up in concentration and structure from their entry-level Impromptu. It's a supple, elegant wine, with sappy tannins introducing a little spice and adding to the wine's potential longevity. Dec 2019 (The Real Review, Bob Campbell MW, www.BobCampbell.nz)"*

4 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *"The good folk at Misha's Vineyard have explained that a 'Cantata' is taken from the Italian word 'cantere', which means 'to sing'. It's a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment apparently, and rather more complex than "I Wanna Be Sedated" (which was a great song by the Ramones, but hardly a mathematical masterpiece). But back to the wine. It's chock full of baked rhubarb, wild strawberry and cherry flavours, the spices are fresh and frisky and the tannins are fleshy and smooth. Very approachable and packed with personality. Dec 2019 (Yvonne Lorkin, Drinks Editor (Dish Magazine) Wine writer (NZ Herald))"*