



Misha's Vineyard 'Verismo' Pinot Noir 2014



96/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 Stars** "Powerful and graceful at the same time, this stunning pinot shows dark berry, thyme, cake spice, charcuterie and cedar characters on the nose. The wonderfully concentrated palate offers outstanding depth and complexity, splendidly enhanced by multi-layered mouthfeel and seamlessly integrated tannins, making it seductively gratifying. At its best: now to 2026." March 2020. (**Sam Kim**, *Wine Orbit*, www.wineorbit.co.nz)

96/100 "Be sure to give this wine the time to open up - ten minutes is good - the bouquet is complex and detailed releasing aromas of aromatic spices, rocks and soil, roses and wild thyme, red cherry, dried raspberry and toasty spices of French oak. On the palate - youthful, dry, tense and poised for more ageing. Flavours reflect the nose with intensity and persistence, but also nervousness and textures from chalky tannins and medium+ acidity and bottle development still underway. There's a lengthy complex finish which only arrives after 30 minutes - so decanting is recommended as well as appropriate stemware. Best drinking from 2021 through 2030+." March 2020 (**Cameron Douglas, MS**, www.camdouglasms.com)

5 Stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ "This 'reserve style' red is estate-grown at Bendigo and oak-matured longer than its High Note stablemate. On sale now, the 2014 vintage (5*) was harvested at over 24 brix and matured for 18 months in French oak hogsheads (16 per cent new). Full ruby, with some development showing, it has a fragrant, savoury, scented bouquet. Still fresh and vigorous, it is sweet-fruited, with cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours, showing excellent structure, complexity and harmony. Best drinking 2021+." April 2020 (**Michael Cooper**, *Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines*).

19/20 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ "Deep, medium ruby-red with a slight brick-red hue, faintly lighter on the rim. The bouquet is powerful and sophisticated with delicate floral fragrances; developed and mellowed, lightly cooked red fruit with concentration; entwined with aromas of game, savoury mushroom, dark soy and earthy minerals. Medium-full bodied, the palate is complex and elegant, flavours of red cherries and strawberry preserves melded with savoury mushrooms, dark herbs, and spices; along with an unobtrusive layer

of gamey notes with an underlay of earth minerals. Preserved red fruit still has its youth, balanced by graceful acidity, flows with finesse; supported by velvety fine-grained tannin and alcohol power, it carries spices and an attractive savouriness throughout the palate, leaves a comforting and satisfying pleasure. This is a complex and elegant Pinot Noir, a pre-aged new release with power and grace. Match with slow-cooked lamb and game over the next 3-4 years. Handpicked, fermented in open-top fermenters to 14% alc. Selected barrels, aged in French oak barrels for 17 months, 16% new oak. June 2020 (**Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews**).

94/100 "Elegant rather than blockbuster pinot noir with cherry, berry, dried herb, spice, anise, thyme, savoury and baked-earth flavours. Showing the benefit of bottle age this quite complex and restrained wine can be enjoyed now or held for another few years". March 2020 (**Bob Campbell MW**, www.bobcampbell.nz)