

Misha's Vineyard 'Dress Circle' Pinot Gris 2020

Rated as a '**POTENTIAL CLASSIC'** in the **Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines by Michael Cooper 2021.** This accolade is for a wine that consistently ranks in the very forefront of its class.



PINOT GRIS

CENTRAL OTAGO Wine of New Zealand **95/100** *"Intense, plush, fruity, spicy and varietal. Aromas of green pear and quince, ripe*



apple and white rose, a stony mineral layer and sweet-scented seductive perfume. On the palate - just dry with a tease of sugar, but mostly a core of ripe white fruits, youthful, crisp and

refreshing acid line and a core of flavour. Texture is important with Gris and this wine does not disappoint with fine fruit tannins chalky mouthfeel accentuated with acidity and gently warming alcohol and contrasted with a core of fruit flavours to reflect the bouquet. Balanced, well made, youthful yet also ready and a dry finish. Best drinking from today & through 2026+." March 2021 (Cameron Douglas, Master Sommelier, www.camdouglasms.com)

94/100 \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \checkmark "Pristine and elegantly fragrant, the bouquet shows white flesh nectarine, green pear, jasmine and subtle spice aromas, leading to a richly textured palate that's juicy and fleshy. Beautifully expressed with delectable fruit flavours, offering terrific drinking. At its best: now to 2028." March 2021. (Sam Kim, www.WineOrbit.co.nz)

93/100 \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow Bright, pale straw-yellow, even colour throughout. The nose is gentle and fragrant, nuances of pear, peach and honey entwined with white floral and a little spice dusting. Medium-full bodied, dry-ish to taste, succulent aroma of pear, peach, and baked apple has a good core, honey, and subtle spice adorn by white floral. The palate is slightly unctuous with a fine-textured powdery phenolic line. Acidity is lively, provide balance and freshness to the underlined alcohol power. This is a succulent Pinot Gris with classic flavours of pear, honey and floral with delicate spices, brightened by refreshing acidity and fine-texture. Match with pork and prawn dumplings and simple Asian fare over the next 4 years. Whole bunch pressed, free-run juice racked and cool-fermented in stainless steel, and pressings portion was fermented slightly warmer in older French hogshead barrels (23% of the blend) with indigenous yeast. 14% alc, 5 g/l RS. March 2021 (Candice Chow, <u>www.RaymondChanWineReviews.co.nz</u>)

5 Stars \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow **POTENTIAL CLASSIC** "The powerful young 2020 vintage (4.5*) was estategrown at Bendigo and 23 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in old French oak hogsheads. Light lemon/green, with fragrant, pear-like aromas, it is full-bodied and vibrantly fruity, with peach and pear-like flavours, gentle spiciness, a very subtle seasoning of oak, and excellent delicacy and depth. Made in an almost dry style (5 grams/litre of residual sugar) finish, it's well worth cellaring to at least mid-2022+." April 2021 (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)

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