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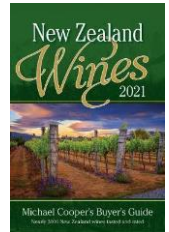
*Rated as a 'POTENTIAL CLASSIC' in the **Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines by Michael Cooper 2021**. This accolade is for a wine that consistently ranks in the very forefront of its class.*

5 Stars ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ **POTENTIAL CLASSIC** *"The classy, fleshy, richly perfumed 2021 vintage (5*) was estate-grown and hand-picked at Bendigo, and 27 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in old French oak hogsheads. Retasted in mid 2022, it is a basically dry style (4.5 grams/litre of residual sugar), weighty and vividly varietal, with fresh, balanced acidity and deep, vibrant stonefruit, pear, lychee and spice flavours, showing excellent intensity, delicacy and harmony. A finely poised, vigorous wine, still very youthful, it should be at its best 2024+."* Sep 2022
(Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines 2022)

95/100 ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ *5 stars* *"This is fabulously poised and elegantly expressed, showing white flesh stone fruit, Nashi pear, jasmine and lemon pith nuances, leading to a beautifully flowing palate that's juicy and fleshy. Richly textured and persistent with delectable flavours within a delightfully elegant frame. At its best: now to 2030."* Sep 2022. **(Sam Kim www.wineorbit.com)**

94/100 ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ *5 stars* *"Bright, pale straw yellow, even colour throughout. The nose is gently full, growing in depth, displaying aromas of quince and pear, melded with honeysuckle and five spice. Medium-full bodied, dry to taste, collected aromas of quince, pear, and a suggestion of toffee apple entwined with honeysuckle, ginger and cinnamon. Opulent fruit shows depth and power with richness and spice. The mouthfeel is refined, textural and unctuous. This powerful and rich Pinot Gris shows concentrated fruit adorned with spice, and an unctuous palate lends a dry, long finish. Match with roasted quail and parsnip puree over the next 6 years. Fruit from Bendigo, gently whole bunch pressed, free run juice racked clear to stainless steel tank, inoculated and fermented cool; the pressings portion with some free run juice (27%) fermented in older French oak hogshead barrels with indigenous yeast. 14%, 4.5 g/l RS. 18.5+/20 (94 points)."* Sep 2022 **(Candice Chow, Raymond chanwinereviews.com)**

93/100 **Excellent** *"An enticing bouquet with purity of fruit at the core, some lees and gentle spice layers. Aromas of white fleshed fruits from green pear to fresh and baked apple then a floral lift adds complexity and charm. Generous and gently warming as the wine touches the palate, a satin smooth texture with core white fleshed fruit flavours that reflect the bouquet. The acid line refreshes the palate also carrying the suggestion of white spice and a whisper of lees. Lengthy dry finish, a lovely example with best drinking from 2022 through 2026+."* Sep 2022. **Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com**)

93/100 *"Attractively fragrant pinot gris with ripe pear, apple, honeysuckle, anise and spice flavours. Made in an off-dry style, with an initial suggestion of sweetness that is balanced by fruity acidity to give a dry-ish finish. Smooth-textured with a lengthy finish."* Feb 2022 **(Bob Campbell MW, www.BobCampbell.nz)**