

## Misha's Vineyard 'The Starlet' Sauvignon Blanc 2021



THE STARLET

SAUVIGNON BLANC CENTRALOTAGO Wine of New Zealand **95/100 Outstanding** "Lovely concentration and power with aromas of sweet citrus and white flowers, fresh delicate green herb layer, plenty of stony minerality and a moment of cape gooseberry. There's a tickle of sweetness as the wine touches the palate. which is quickly replaced by tension and

crispness, a vibrant acid line then core of fruit. Flavours of citrus and lemongrass, a moment of tangerine and then angelica. Mouthwatering, a whisper of saline and gooseberry on the finish. Very modern with excellent drinking from 2022 through 2028+." November 2021 **(Cameron Douglas MS, <u>www.camdouglasms.com</u>)** 

🗡 Top 100 Wines of New Zealand 2022 – James Suckling 🖈

**94/100** "Wonderful aromas of sliced lemons, lime and slate with gunpowder. Medium- to full-bodied. Some white peaches, too. Energetic and focused finish. Some aniseed. Drink now. Screw cap" Nov 2022 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com)

**95/100**  $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$  **5** stars "Bright, even, pale straw-yellow. The wine is vigorous on the nose, packed with aromas of pineapple, lime and honeydew melon, interweave nettle and white spice. Medium-full bodied, concentrated aromas of pineapple, lime and an underlay of honeydew melon, entwined with verbena, nettle and a hint of spice. The fruit is ripe with a strong lime and acid tension core, persist on a powdery-textured mouthfeel and a refreshing finish. This Sauvignon Blanc shows a sense of the vintage brilliantly with concentrated fruit, vigorous yet calm acidity and a flavoursome, lengthy finish. Match with pan-fried flatfish and pork katsu over the next 4-5 years. Handpicked fruit, gentle skin contact for few hours then whole bunch pressed to tank, 54% inoculated in stainless steel tank, the remaining wild fermented in older French oak barrels, 14% alc, 5 g/l RS. 19-/20 pts (95 pts)." Nov 2021 (Candice Chow, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz )

**94/100**  $\bigstar$   $\bigstar$   $\bigstar$   $\bigstar$   $\bigstar$  **5** stars "Offering fabulous fruit purity and lift, the wine shows Granny Smith apple, white flesh stone fruit, jalapeno and lime peel aromas, leasing to a finely focused palate that's intensely flavoured and lingering.

Brilliantly structured by zest acidity, finishing impressively long and attractive. At its best: now to 2027." Sep 2022 (Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, <u>www.wineorbit.com</u>)

**4 stars**  $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$  "Unfolding well, the 2021 vintage was estate-grown at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin. Hand-picked, it was mostly handled in tanks, but 46 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in old French oak casks. Bright, light lemon/green, it is ripely scented and mouthfilling, with fresh, lively passionfruit/lime flavours, showing very good depth, delicacy and complexity, appetising acidity and a smooth (5 grams/litre of residual sugar) finish. Best drinking now-2023." Sep 2022 (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)

**93/100** "Delicate and quite pretty sauvignon with flavours suggesting tropical flowers, lime zest, lemongrass and gooseberry. Taut, high-energy wine with impressive purity and power that is delivered with subtlety. Made with a light touch." Aug 2022 (Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review)