



## Misha's Vineyard 'Cantata' Pinot Noir 2019



**93/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "Varietal, youthful, fresh and pure fruited bouquet with aromas of red plum and cherry, sweet raspberry and roses. A fine quiet layer of wood with baking spices of dusty vanilla and a moment of clove. On the palate - crisp, fresh fruity and dry with chalky tannins and medium+ acidity. Balanced, crunchy, youthful and ready to enjoy today and through 2026+." November 2020 (Cameron Douglas MS, [www.camdouglasms.com](http://www.camdouglasms.com))

**94/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ "This is seductive barrel selection with fine, velvety tannins that spread across the palate. Hints of spice, cedar and tangerine. Medium to full body. Drink or hold. Screw cap." Nov 2022 (James Suckling, [www.JamesSuckling.com](http://www.JamesSuckling.com))

**93/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "It's delightfully fragrant on the nose showing sweet cherry, thyme, almond and subtle spice aromas, leading to a beautifully rounded palate delivering juicy fruit flavours and smooth mouthfeel. It's supple and immediately appealing with gorgeous fruit and spicy flavours, finishing lingering and silky. At its best: now to 2024." Nov 2020. (Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, [www.wineorbit.com](http://www.wineorbit.com))

**4 ½ stars** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ "Designed principally for 'on-premise' sale in restaurants, this label offers consistently good value. Estate-grown at Bendigo, the 2019 vintage (4.5\*) was fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured for a year in French oak hogsheads (17 per cent new). Already highly enjoyable, it is bright ruby, savoury, vibrant and supple, with generous cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours, showing excellent ripeness and complexity. Best drinking 2022+." (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)

**90/100** "Deep, transparent ruby-red, lighter on edge. The nose is softly penetrating nuances of dark herbs, melded with plums, black cherries and a light toastiness. Medium-bodied, the palate is fresh with plum and cherry fruit enriched by an amalgam of spices and toasty oak element. The fine-grained tannin extraction is noticeable and provides some grip. Fresh acidity carries the wine with focus, lingers to a moderately long finish with spices and herb detail. This is an accessible Pinot Noir with flavours of plums and cherries, along with spices, herbs and toasty oak details, and a fine tannin grip. Match with grilled lamb and venison over the next 4-6 years. The fruit was fermented with 25% whole-bunch to 14% alc. Aged in 300 litre French oak barrels, 17% new oak. 18-/20 pts (90 pts) Oct 2020 (Candice Chow, [raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz))

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