

Misha's Vineyard 'The High Note' Pinot Noir 2019



Misha's Vineyard "The High Note" Pinot Noir is rated as a 'CLASSIC' wine in the Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines by Michael Cooper 2021. This accolade is for a wine that in quality terms, consistently ranks in the forefront of its class.



5 stars $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ "Estate-grown at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin, the very youthful, vigorous 2019 vintage (5*) was

hand-harvested, fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured for a year in French oak hogsheads (25 per cent new). Full, bright ruby, it is mouthfilling and sweet-fruited, with concentrated cherry, plum and spice flavours, savoury notes adding complexity, fresh, finely balanced acidity and supple tannins. Showing obvious potential for cellaring, it should be at its best 2023+." (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to NZ Wines)

95/100 Outstanding "There's no mistaking the complexity, purity, fruit, spice and toasty barrel allure in the bouquet. On the palate - equally complex with a core of red berry fruit flavours - cherry, dried raspberry and a little plum. The mineral message is strong with cold mountain stone laced with a savoury wild thyme. The messages of place and time are clear and pure. Firm youthful grip from tannins and medium+ acidity then spices of oak and a savoury complexity capture the wine's foundation. All this wine now needs is time. Serve now with protein rich food or cellar till 2023 then enjoy through 2033+." **Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com**)

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5 stars "Deep, transparent ruby-red with a deep purple hue, lighter on the rim. The nose is elegantly presented, gentle aromas of violet, herbs, interweave Doris plums, cherries and delicate spices. Medium-full bodied, the palate is refined, nuances of dark plums and cherries are pure with intensity and freshness, violet fragrant and soft spices are well proportioned, dark tone of herbs lingers on the finish. Tannin extraction is fine and silky, leaves a polished mouthfeel supported by lacy, integrated acidity. Floral violet and herbs linger on lending a lengthy, elegant finish. This is a dark-fruited Pinot Noir with violet and herbs details,

shows good intensity and finesse, already delicious, will develop well. Match with venison loin and duck over the next 6-8 years. The fruit was fermented with an average of 6% whole bunch to 14% alc; the wine spends on average 27 days on skins, aged in French oak hogsheads, 25% new 300-litre barrels. (95 pts)." Oct 2020 (Candice Chow, Raymond chanwinereviews.com)

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92/100 "A distinctive mix of cherry, plum and savoury, dried herb, thyme, malt and toasty oak flavours. A silken-textured wine, with peppery tannins leading to a drying finish. Approachable now but with plenty of cellaring potential." Nov 2020 **(Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review)**