



Misha's Vineyard 'Verismo' Pinot Noir 2015



96/100 Outstanding “Floral, varietal and pure with a core of fruit, layers of oak and wood spices, moments of dried herb and minerality. Youthful and intriguing, complex and enticing. On the palate - complex and dry, the core of fruit is matched by the intensity of youth with firm tannins and acidity, toasty wood spices and dried herbs, bacon an cinnamon, vanilla and roasted nut oak layers. A fantastic wine showcasing texture, a varietal core of fruit, place and time and most importantly - pinosity. A wine for the cellar still with best drinking likely 2024 through 2035.” Oct 2020 (**Cameron Douglas, MS**, www.camdouglasms.com)

97/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 Stars** “Elegant yet immensely powerful, this symphonic pinot shows dark berry, clove, dark mushroom, game and roasted nut characters on the nose with nuances of dried herb and floral. It's plush and fleshy on the palate, exhibiting exceptional concentration and depth, wonderfully enhanced by silky texture and beautifully melded tannins. At its best: now to 2030.” Nov 2020. (**Sam Kim, Wine Orbit**, www.wineorbit.co.nz)

5 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ “This ‘reserve style’ red is estate-grown at Bendigo and oak-matured longer than its High Note stablemate. Currently on sale, the 2015 vintage (5*) was matured for 18 months in French oak hogsheads (43 per cent new). Ruby hued, it is perfumed, full-bodied, ripe and savoury, with cherryish, spicy, slightly nutty flavours, a hint of liquorice, fresh acidity, impressive complexity and good aging potential. Best drinking 2022+” (**Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines**)

19/20 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ “Deep, transparent ruby-red with a dusty-black hue, lighter on edge. The nose is gently-full with concentration and power, nuances of medicinal herbs, interweave black cherries, blackberries, along with delicate spices and subtle gamey development. Medium-full bodied, the palate is poise, aromas of cherries, blackberries along with dried cranberries integrated with barrel spices, liquorice, dried thyme and developed gamey notes. The palate is silky smooth, mellowed fine-grain tannin suspend a fine structure, very attractive. Well-integrated acidity underlined freshness and endurance to the wine, carries a long lingering finish. This is an integrated Pinot Noir with power,

balance and finesse at a beautiful drinking window showing positive development and grace. Match with beef bourguignon and braised pork over the next 4-5 years. The fruit was fermented to 14% alc; the wine spends on average 27 days on skins. Selected barrels from superior ferments after MLF, aged in 300-litre French oak barrels, 43% new oak. (95 pts)” Oct 2020 (**Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews**).

94/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ “An open and savory pinot with a lovely harmony to it with cedar, dried strawberries, and slate aromas. Medium body. Fine tannins and a subtle savory aftertaste. Drink now. Screw cap.” Nov 2022 (**James Suckling**, www.JamesSuckling.com)

94/100 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ “Flagship pinot noir with ripe cherry, liquorice, roasted chestnut, dried herb, violet and nutty oak flavours. An elegant, youthful, well-structured wine with serious cellaring potential. “ Nov.2020 (**Bob Campbell MW**, www.bobcampbell.nz)