



Misha's Vineyard 'Verismo' Pinot Noir 2016



96/100 Outstanding “Complex to the nose with a bouquet of primary red berry fruits layered between some bottle-development scents of autumn leaves, hay and fine savoury dried herb attributes, then fine oak with a whisper of smoke and scents of nutmeg, vanilla and kitchen spices. Delicious on the palate with a coarse silk texture filled with fine tannins, fruit and spice combinations. There’s a sense of place and time with this wine, mineral and fine savoury seams alongside flavours of red berries and flowers and overall pinosity. Best drinking from 2023 through 2029+.” Sep 2022 (**Cameron Douglas, MS**, www.camdouglasms.com)

97/100 ★★★★★ **5 stars** “This is immensely seductive, exhibiting dark berry, charcuterie, bouquet garni, earthy mushroom and cedar nuances, followed by a concentrated palate that's gracefully opulent. Beautifully layered with seductive flavours and mouth-coating textures, it's lush and alluring with a prolonged gratifying finish. At its best: now to 2030.” Sept 2022. (**Sam Kim** www.wineorbit.com)

95/100 ★★★★★ “A juicy and full-bodied red with plum and slate. Gunpowder. Full-bodied and solid. Firm and dusty tannins and a flavorful finish. Lots going on here. Drink now or hold. Screw cap.” Nov 2022 (**James Suckling**, www.JamesSuckling.com). **Top 100 Wines of New Zealand 2022**

19/20 ★★★★★ “Deep ruby-black with a tinge of garnet, lighter on edge. The bouquet is gentle, with broody aromas slowly opening, filling the glass with dried cherry, raspberry, dark herbs, oak spice, and unfolding mushroom and forest undergrowth. Medium-full bodied, aromas of dried cherry, plum, raspberry entwined with violet, an amalgam of spice, and mushroom. Spices are growing and emphasising, unveiling thyme, liquorice and savoury development. The flavours are integrated harmoniously; silky tannin structure and balanced acidity provide vitality and strength. Enchanting, delicate spices and savoury details lend a satisfying, long finish. This aged release Pinot Noir shows excellent concentration of fruit and complexity, graceful development and a harmonious, lengthy finish. Match with shredded duck and slow-cooked lamb over the next 5 years. Cold soaked for 5-7 days, fermented naturally with 3%

whole bunches to 14% alc, 27 days on skins, raked to 300-litre French oak barrels for 17 months approx, 32% new oak. Inoculated MLF in barrels in spring.” Sep 2022 (**Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews**).

95/100 ★★★★★ “Flagship pinot noir from three small, low-cropping blocks on Misha's Bendigo vineyard. Bottle-aged in temperature-controlled conditions. Intense, mellow pinot noir that is quite fresh but showing the benefit of a little bottle age with good integration and savoury edge to attractive fruit/floral characters. Classy wine that is very approachable now but will benefit from a little more bottle age. Drinking now to 2032” Aug 2022 (**Bob Campbell MW**, www.bobcampbell.nz)

5 stars ★★★★★ “This 'reserve style' red is estate-grown at Bendigo and oak-matured longer than its High Note stablemate. Now on sale, the 2016 vintage) was matured in French oak hogsheads (32 per cent new). Ruby hued, it is elegant and supple, with moderately concentrated, slightly herbal and nutty flavours, poised, very harmonious and ready to roll.” Sep 2022 (**Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines**)

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