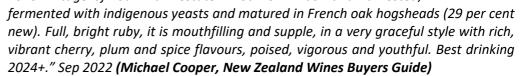


Misha's Vineyard 'The High Note' Pinot Noir 2020



"The High Note" Pinot Noir has a 'CLASSIC' status in the Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines by Michael Cooper as it's consistently ranked in the forefront of its class.

5 stars $\not\Rightarrow$ $\not\Rightarrow$ $\not\Rightarrow$ $\not\Rightarrow$ "Estate-grown at Bendigo, the 2020 vintage of "our main estate Pinot Noir" was hand-harvested,



96/100 Outstanding "Fabulous fragrance, varietal, youthful, loaded with fruit and statements about mineral and dried herb. There's a line of French barrel scents layering its voice, but also complexity and power. Delicious on the palate with a core of fruit, but also taut and still new. Tannins and acidity set the foundation squeezing the palate nicely and showing off the fruit with opposing salivating textures. Red berries and tart cherry, some strawberry, bracken and barrel spice, crushed rock mineral and a savoury dried herb quality. Everything about the vineyard and its windswept rugged charms are on show. Firm, dry, youthful and lengthy, a wine for the cellar or oven roasted wild venision medium-rare. Best drinking 2026 - 2035+." Sep 2022 **Cameron Douglas MS**, www.camdouglasms.com)

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 $18.5/20 \Leftrightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow 5 \text{ stars}$ "Deep purple with a ruby hue, lighter on the rim. This has a full, enticing bouquet with good energy, penetrating

macerated cherry, black raspberry, thyme, sweet vanilla and oak spice. Medium-bodied, macerated cherry and black raspberry form a rich core alongside thyme, bergamot, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg. The fruit shows concentration; lively acidity enlivens and lengthens the palate, and spices bring a warming and lengthy finish. Fine, silky tannins construct and frame the sweet fruit and spice details. This elegant, dark-fruited Pinot Noir shows beautifully structured mouthfeel and lively acidity. Match with roasted duck and lamb over the next 6-8 years. Cold soaked for 5-7 days, fermented naturally with 15% whole bunches to 14% alc, 24 days on skins, racked to 300-litre French oak barrels for 21 months approx, 29% new oak." Sep 2022 (Candice Chow, Raymond chanwinereviews.com)

94/100 "Fragrant, aromatic pinot noir with plum, dark berry, five spice, red rose petal and nutty oak flavours. Elegant wine that is certainly approachable now but will reward cellaring." Aug 2022 **(Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review)**

EXCELLENT "Dusty stones, gravel, sweet fruit swells, a wild herb backdrop, with time a wisp of sour cherry. Rich entry, spices, sweet licorice, a touch of herb/stalk, the fruit nicely in support, an earthy aspect as it opens up. Still youthful but nice balance and integration. There's a grainy, chewy feel to the texture, playfully flirting with a sweet and sour note. Fresh and inviting." Sep 2022 (Mark Henderson, Otago Daily Times)