

Misha's Vineyard Review Summary

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2022 Gewurztraminer The Cadenza 93/100

The 2022 Gewurztraminer The Cadenza Late Harvest was picked some 8 weeks later than the dry-picked Gewurz. Foot-stomped and basked-pressed, it was well treated and the result is clean, bright, and pristine fruit. It may have 120g/L but it feels clean, offering excellent balance. Attractive floral, ginger and lychee flavors abound but it's reined in.

2021 Gewurztraminer The Gallery 92/100

The 2021 Gewurztraminer The Gallery is dry and precise with some phenolic grip. It's not a flamboyant style. The Gewurz characters are reined in, the aromatics are more apricot and rose-petal in character. This is low-cropped with relatively high acidity, giving a straight backed rather than plump Gewurz, reflecting the cooler climate here even thou it's 14% alcohol. But it's all in balance.

2021 Riesling Lyric 92/100

With just 4g/L of residual sugar and a very low pH of 2.9, the 2021 Riesling Lyric is lip-smacking, athletic and firm It is focused and balance with floral, citrus and spice notes.

2021 Sauvignon Blanc The Starlet 92/100

The 2021 Sauvignon Blanc The Starlet is a New Zealand wine with an old world feel. Sourced from what is probably the country's steepest Sauvignon Blanc vineyard, this is light-bodied, dry and aromatic: it focuses more on the floral, boxwood and elderflower spectrum than any sweaty topicality. It is precise, clean and rather restrained. A portion of wild ferment in barrel adds texture and palate weight.

2010 Sauvignon Blanc The Starlet 91/100

The 2010 is just the second vintage of this Sauvignon Blanc The Starlet from a silly-steep vineyard known as the Ski Slope. It has an aged Semillon-like nose with lanolin, lime, smokiness and toast. Medium in body with a sense of firmness and drive. there is a hint of alcohol on the finish (14%) but a great example of how Sauvignon can - and should - age gracefully. Even with young vines.

2021 Pinot Gris Dress Circle 90/100

This 2021 Pinot Gris Dress Circle is a focused, light-bodied wine. It is precise and pure yet has padding and concentration with flavors akin to honeydew melon, nectarine and florals. It has a little alcoholic heat (14%) which is a touch distracting.

2016 Pinot Noir Verismo 93/100

The 2016 Pinot Noir Verismo is a savory style that's mellowing with bottle age and offers supple, open drinking. Released after 6 years, it is delectable with its light body, fragrance and finesse. It has a delightful floral perfume reminiscent of violets as well as savory notes and tea leaf on the lingering finish. There are really fine tannins that create a pixelated-like texture in the mouth..

2022 Rosé Pinot The Soloist 93/100

Serious and satisfying, the 2022 Rosé The Soloist clearly was treated well with its concentration, palate weight and sense of richness. There are attractive aromatics of violets, and ripe red fruit but there's more to this than simply fruit.

2021 Pinot Noir The High Note 91/100

The 2021 Pinot Noir High Note is supple and succulent with tannins that coat the palate seamlessly. You can expect floral aromas, ripe red cherry flavors and dried herbs. The drawn-out finish provides line and a sense of purpose.

2019 Pinot Noir Cantata 89/100

The 2019 Pinot Noir Cantata is an approachable style with flesh and fruit, already showing a little savory character. It's carefully made but knows who it is with its appealing violet and smoky notes. It's fine, delicate structure aligns with plenty of concentration. Perfect to be consumed now to 5 years.

