



## Misha's Vineyard 'Cantata' Pinot Noir 2020



**93/100 Excellent** “An immediately captivating bouquet, varietal, primary and new with fresh red cherry and forest berries, wild red flowers and cranberry, a layer of barrel smoke and wood spice add complexity and youthful energy. Youthful, firm, dry, salivating, fruity and taut. A young wine that is very easy to drink with texture and core fruit flavours that reflect the bouquet, there’s a freshness and youth from acidity and tannins that lay-down a decent foundation. Delicious, fresh, fruity and new. A wine that easily accompanies fresh high protein menu items or on its own. Great drinking from 2023 through 2029+.” Aug 2022 (**Cameron Douglas MS**, [www.camdouglasms.com](http://www.camdouglasms.com))

**94/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ “Beautifully composed and expressed with dark berry, roasted nut, thyme, game and rich floral aromas, it's succulent and fleshy in the mouth displaying excellent weight and silky flow. Wonderfully harmonious and soothing with a lengthy attractive finish. At its best: now to 2028.” Sep 2022 (**Sam Kim**, *Wine Orbit*)

**4 ½ stars** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ “Designed principally for 'on-premise' sale in restaurants, this label offers consistently good value. Estate-grown at Bendigo, the graceful, youthful 2020 vintage was matured for a year in French oak hogsheads (14 per cent new). Full, bright ruby, it is mouthfilling and supple, with vibrant, ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours, a subtle oak influence, fresh acidity and a very harmonious finish. Best drinking mid-2023+.” Oct 2022 (**Michael Cooper**, *Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines*)

**18+/20** “Dark ruby-red, lighter on the rim. The nose is softly full and expressive, with aromas of ripe plum and dark cherry intertwined with violet, vanilla and a hint of chocolate. Medium-full bodied, aromas of ripe plum, macerated dark cherry with underlined power, unfolding cinnamon, black pepper, milk chocolate and vanilla. The mouthfeel is smooth with a dusty coating. Balanced ripe fruit enriched by spices and power, brings a succulent dark-fruited finish. This is a youthful, appealing Pinot Noir with dark fruit, spice and an attractive, smooth, milk chocolate palate. Match with lamb and veal over the next 5 years. Fermented in open top fermenter with 10% whole bunches, cold soaked for 5-7 days, naturally fermented to 13.5% alc, 24 days on skins, racked to 300-litre French oak barrels for 9 months approx, 14% new oak. Inoculated MLF in barrels. Sep 2022 (**Candice Chow**, [raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz))

**Very Good to Excellent** “Hints of tangy piquancy, schisty minerality, fruit power and perfume growing. Deceptively rich in the mouth, backed by a corset of tannins, spice notes, black tea/tea leaf, ever-present sweet fruit. Light on its feet, yet with lovely flavour depth. That tangy quality on the nose carries over to the palate, keeping this bright and fresh.” Sep 2022 (**Mark Henderson**, *Otago Daily Times*)

**90/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ “Tangy, high energy pinot noir with red rose, violet, blackberry, fresh herbs, vanilla and exotic spice flavours supported by mouth-watering acidity.” Aug 2022 (**Bob Campbell MW**, *The Real Review*)