



Misha's Vineyard 'Verismo' Pinot Noir 2018



97/100 ★★★★★ **5 stars** "This combines structure with refinement, showing multi-layered mouthfeel together with loads of polished tannins, superbly enhanced by dark berry, cedar, cured meat and dried flower notes. Generous and expansive with seamless texture, leading to a captivating sensual finish. At its best: now to 2033." March 2023. (Sam Kim www.wineorbit.com)

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96/100 Outstanding "The bouquet takes several minutes to open up and show its youthful, taut, varietal and complex self. Core fruit aromas of fresh red cherry flesh laced with barrel spices then plum, barrel spice and earthy mineral qualities layer in next with a roasted nut, baking spices and smoky quality. Minerality and a sense of place underpins all. As the wine touches the palate there's a continued sense of place with a savoury stone and wild earth quality before flavours of red berries, plums and dried raspberry once again showcase the variety. Taut squeeze with firm tannins and back bone of acidity. The oak intensity is in keeping with the style. This wine will develop even more complexities over time with best drinking from 2026 through 2036+. April 2023 (Cameron Douglas, MS, www.camdouglasms.com)

5 stars ★★★★★ "This 'reserve style' red is estate-grown at Bendigo and oak-matured longer than its High Note stablemate. The 2018 vintage (5*) was matured in French oak hogsheads (25 per cent new). Set for a long life, it has a full, bright ruby hue. A very elegant, well-structured wine, it is richly varietal, with strong, vibrant cherry, plum and spice flavours, nutty and savoury, and obvious potential. Best drinking 2025+" April 2023 (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)

19/20 ★★★★★ **5 stars** "Deep ruby-red, lighter on edge. This integrated, complex bouquet penetrates with plum, dark cherry, mushroom, cedar and spice aromas. Medium-full bodied, aromas of dark plum and dark cherry intertwined with thyme, mushroom, cedar, clove and cinnamon. The wine is complex, with a mixture of dark and dried fruit, developing aromas of mushroom and cedar. The fine-grained tannin framework is velvety and

youthful with a nice grip, along with lively acidity providing vitality. This dark-fruited Pinot Noir shows complexity and a velvety mouthfeel, drinking excellently at 5 years of age. Match with roasted lamb and wild board over the next 5+ years. Cold soaked for 5-7 days, fermented with 17% whole bunches, skin contact for an average of 26 days, aged in French oak hogsheads (300-litre barrels), 25% new oak. 13.5% alc. 19/20 pts (95 pts)" Apr 2023 (Candice Chow, Raymondchanwinereviews.com)

95/100 ★★★★★ "Attractively scented pinot noir with cherry, hedgerow/grape stems, dark chocolate. dried herb, savoury and spicy oak flavours. Austere, flavoursome wine with good complexity and obvious cellaring potential although it can be appreciated now." May 2023 (Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz)