

**JOHN MARTIN PINOT NOIR 2015**

**NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL WINE SHOW**

September 2017

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Gold Medal

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**WINEORBIT.CO.NZ**

Sam Kim, October 2016

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5 Stars & 96 Points

An outstanding pinot showing symphonic flavours and texture. Fragrant aromas of dark cherry, plum, game and spice with subtle floral and cedar lead to a concentrated palate that is powerfully expressed and richly textured, while remaining perfectly poised and balanced. Multi-layered and refined, this is designed to evolve graciously. At its best: 2018 to 2026.

**BOBCAMPBELL.NZ**

Bob Campbell MW, November 2017

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5 Stars & 95 Points

Quite a concentrated pinot noir with dark cherry, plum, violet, earth and Oriental spices plus a subtle seasoning of spicy oak. A supremely elegant wine that is approachable now but still slightly restrained. An elegant wine with a sustained finish revealing subtle power. Drink 2017 to 2022.

**RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ**

Raymond Chan, November 2016

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5 Stars & 18.5+ / 20 Points

Dark, even ruby-red colour with some depth and youthful, light purple hues on the edge. The nose is full with rich and deeply concentrated aromas of black cherry and dark-red berry fruits entwined with dark plum notes, savoury herbs, a hint of stalk fragrance and violet florals, and nuances of game and earth. Medium-full bodied, the palate is broad and mouthfilling with flavours of ripe dark cherry and berry fruit, and plums, melded with dark herbs, unfolding piquant stalk and floral aromatics and nutty oak. Some game and earth detail adds complexity. The fruit is underlined by fine-grained, flowery tannins and integrated acidity providing plenty of structure and presence. The structure carries the wine to a full, gently aromatic, sustained finish with nutty and herb nuances. This is a full, gently mouthfilling Pinot Noir with ripe dark berry and plum flavours with complexing layers of herbs, oak and a little savoury detail on a fine-grained, well-structured palate. Serve with game meat and semi-hard cheeses over the next 6-8 years. Hand-picked fruit, 64% Abel, 16% clone 5, 14% clone 13 and 3% each clone 6 and 115, from 66% 'McLeod', and 34% 'Home' vineyards, fermented with 12% whole bunches to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 12 months in 25% new French oak barriques.

## DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS

June 2017

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Silver Medal & 90 Points

Quite dense, rich and concentrated with ripe plum, dark cherry, floral/violet and spicy oak flavours. Licorice/anise character adds extra interest. Youthful wine with a promising future.