



Reviews & Accolades

CHINA TERRACE PINOT NOIR 2016

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Raymond Chan, October 2017

5 Stars & 19.0 / 20 Points

Dark ruby-red colour with hints of garnet, lighter on the edge. The nose is voluminous with an array of aromatics, showing dark-red cherry and berry fruit along with dark and dried herbs, savoury whole bunch stalk complexities and lifted dark-red florals. The nose grows in depth and density with aeration unfolding oak elements. Medium-full bodied, the palate has full and deeply concentrated flavours of sweetly ripe black and dark-red cherry and berry fruit with nuances of raspberry liqueur, and a layering of complexing dark herbs and whole bunch stalk perfumes. The fruit is encased by plenty of fine-grained tannin extraction with integrated acidity. The flavours are carried by the structure to a long, sustained, grainy-textured finish. This is a fulsome Pinot Noir with an array of dark-red cherry and berry fruit with dark herb and whole bunch complexities on a well-structured palate. Hand-picked fruit, clones 777 and 667 from the 320 m 'China Terrace' vineyard, Bendigo, fermented with on average, 49% whole clusters to 14.0% alc. the wine aged 11 months in 30% new French oak.

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Cameron Douglas MS, November 2017

94 Points

Immediately intriguing bouquet with a complex message of mineral, ripe cherry and raspberry led fruit, some red apple and dark rose moments; noticeable mix of new and older barrel use. On the palate – dry, ripe plump red berry fruit flavours plus cherry and some plum, a little pepper spice then oak spice and flavour; youthful tannin bite and acidity to match, a wine in development with some integration needed over the next few years. Decant for service or best from 2019 through 2027.

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Bob Campbell MW, December 2017

4.5 Stars & 94 Points

Quite a perfumed pinot noir with violet, red berry, plum, spice, thyme and nutty oak flavours. A taut, focused wine with surprising power evidenced by a very lengthy finish. The use of 50% whole-bunches in the ferment has added a sappy spice character and additional structure suggesting good cellaring potential, although it makes the wine a little tight and hard to read right now. Drink 2017 to 2023.