



PRIMA DONNA PINOT NOIR 2013

RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, February 2018

5 Stars & 19.5- / 20 Points

Very dark, deep, purple-hued ruby-red colour, a little lighter on the rim, youthful in appearance. The bouquet is full and voluminous with a full array of savoury fruit and floral aromatics, showing ripe, dark-red berry fruit melded with dark and dried herbs, nuances of undergrowth unveiling red floral elements. This is complex, detailed and harmonious in presentation. Medium-bodied, the palate is rich and expansively mouthfilling with an array of savoury red berry fruit along with plum notes, dried herbs, cedar and undergrowth complexities. The lusciously sweet flavours form a deep and rounded heart, showing richness and detail. The fruit is supported by fine-grained tannin structure with balanced acidity. This has drive and linearity, and the wine carries with power to a long, lingering finish. This is a rich and succulently sweet, complex flavoured, mouthfilling Pinot Noir with detail and layers of a fine-structured palate with drive and power. Match with slow-cooked game meat dishes over the next 6-8+ years. A multi-clone blend from vines, many over 30 y.o. and ungrafted, indigenous yeast fermented with 30% whole bunches and many whole berries to 13.0% alc., the wine aged 18 months in 30% new French oak barrels.

BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, March 2018

5 Stars & 96 Points

A limited edition selection of wine made from grapes grown on the oldest vines in superior vintages. Deeply-scented wine that deserves to be decanted for best results. Intense pinot noir with plum, dark cherry and berry, liquorice, mixed spice and classy oak flavours. Showing some bottle development but capable of much more. Drink 2018 to 2023.

CAMDOUGLASMS.COM

Cameron Douglas MS, March 2018

96 Points

Fabulous bouquet with intense Pinosity showing dark cherry and plum fruits laced with fresh new oak and earthy qualities, silty clay soil notes; barrel spice and smoky wood moments. Dry with a dried herb layer, fine to chalky tannins, medium+ (ish) acidity - all resting in a cushion of primary and just emerging secondary fruit flavours. Great length, concentration and finish. What more can I say - it's just lovely!

OTAGO DAILY TIMES

Mark Henderson, March 2018

Outstanding

A little wild and funky at first, a deeper register here adding balsamic notes with time. Powerful entry, silky, fantastically balanced and with lovely integration, adding wild herbs, tilled earth and appealing savoury notes to the core of fruit: the flavours lingering impressively on the close. Fine tannins, a delicious lip-smacking quality: a complete wine.

DRINKSBIZ MAGAZINE

Joelle Thomson, June / July 2018

19 / 20 Points

North Canterbury Pinot Noir is often eclipsed by its southern neighbour Central Otago, which is always a surprise with tasting Pegasus Bay's Pinot Noir - particularly Prima Donna which is one of the country's most superlative Pinots. Winemakers Mat, Pete, Mark and Marie make this wine one of the best in New Zealand; savoury, earthy and full-bodied with big smooth tannins balanced by high acidity and concentrated rich dark fruit flavours with a long zesty finish. An outstanding wine to drink now (decant first) and to cellar for 10 plus years.

WINESTATE MAGAZINE

March / April 2018

5 Stars

Super charged aromas of doris plum, rose petal and almost a hint of freesia give an exotic opulence to the nose. Some red cherry, plum and a little currant peeping through. Maybe not much by way of elegance, but so much power and flavour, this is an immensely appealing luxurious style of pinot noir.

THE LISTENER

Michael Cooper, March 2018

5 Stars

This refined North Canterbury wine is savoury, ripe and rich, with plum/spice flavour, velvety tannins and notable complexity and harmony.

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

Nick Stock, November 2017

96 Points

The refinement and brilliance of the fruit on offer here really sets this wine apart from the regular Pegasus Bay pinot noir. Deliciously rich dark cherry aromas and flavors are presented amid silky, refined and long-form tannins. A great wine, in every respect.

MATTHEWJUKES.COM

Matthew Jukes, June 2016

Barrel Sample

Prima Donna Pinot Noir is an elite barrel selection and in 2013 it is one of the greatest wines I have ever seen from this country.

DECANTER MAGAZINE

Melanie Brown, September 2016

94 Points

Reductive initially but then black fruit, herbs and chocolate on the palate. Big-boned with hefty tannins, it is unforced; lots of charisma and richness here.

VINOUS.COM

Stephen Tanzer, May 2016

92 Points

Good medium red, not as bright as the regular 2013 Pinot. Dense, brooding aromas of red and darker fruits, spices and mocha. A step up in richness, sweetness and texture from the Waipara Valley bottling, offering a darker fruit character and a hint of menthol. This is weightier and more serious but also less fun today and in need of cellaring. Deep, plush, rather powerful Pinot Noir with rich, ripe tannins and excellent length.

EROBERTPARKER.COM

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, June 2017

91 Points

Pale to medium ruby in colour, the 2013 Prima Donna Pinot Noir has a Bing cherry, red currant and pomegranate scented nose with suggestions of underbrush and dried Provence herbs. The medium-bodied palate offers mouth-filling red berry flavours supported by finely grained tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing long and earthy.