



Reviews & Accolades

## **SCHOOL HOUSE PINOT NOIR 2016**

[RAYMONDCHANWINERREVIEWS.CO.NZ](http://RAYMONDCHANWINERREVIEWS.CO.NZ)

Raymond Chan, October 2017

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5 Stars & 19.5- / 20 Points

Full, dark, ruby-red colour with good depth and slight purple hues, youthful in appearance. This has a refined, tightly bound and concentrated core of aromatic dark-red cherry fruit lifted by dark-red and violet florals, entwined with subtle layers of dark herbs, with nuances of whole bunch stalk perfumes and spicy oak notes. The nose is beautifully refined and elegant in expression. Medium-full bodied, the palate has sweetly rich and lusciously ripe, fragrant and aromatic dark cherry and berry fruit along with violet florals. The fruit is complexed by subtle dark herb and whole bunch notes and some lifted, spicy oak. The tannin extraction is very fine, lending a velvety texture. The wine flows along a fine line to a sustained, aromatic finish. This is a beautifully aromatic Pinot Noir with red cherry and floral fruit with complex herb and whole bunch nuances, and fine, powdery tannin extraction. Serve with wild duck and pork dishes over the next 7-10+ years. Hand-picked fruit, clones 114, 115, 5, 6,667 and 777 from the 420 m 'School House' site, Bendigo, fermented with on average 50% whole bunches to 14.5% alc., the wine aged 11 months in 28% new French oak.

[BOBCAMPBELL.NZ](http://BOBCAMPBELL.NZ)

Bob Campbell MW, February 2018

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5 Stars & 95 Points

Concentrated and reasonably creamy pinot noir with strong dark fruit, plum, berry and subtle floral flavours against a background of smoky oak. A ripe, tight wine with obvious cellaring potential. Drink 2018 to 2025.

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Cameron Douglas MS, November 2017

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93 Points

Quite a complex bouquet with a mix of dark red cherry, red apple skin and spiced plum alongside a savoury, dried herb and mushroom quality; moderate oak influences with a mix of darker brown spices and fresh wood. On the palate - youthful, savoury and firm then flavours of dark cherry and berries return; youthful firm tannins and plenty of crisp acidity. Fairly lengthy finish; well made in a drink now or cellar style style. Best from late 2018 through 2026.