



## Reviews & Accolades

### **PINOT NOIR 2015**

#### WINEORBIT.CO.NZ

Sam Kim, August 2016

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5 Stars & 93 Points

This fabulous pinot shows aromas of shows Black Doris plum, raspberry coulis, floral, mixed spice and cedar on the nose. It is sweetly fruited and beautifully weighted, and delivers excellent fruit purity and silky texture, brilliantly structured by fine, polished tannins. Elegant yet sturdy and flavoursome. At its best: now to 2021.

#### ROYAL EASTER SHOW WINE AWARDS

February 2018

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Silver Medal

#### BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, December 2017

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4 Stars & 90 Points

Delicately scented pinot noir with fresh herb, cherry, berry, spice and anise flavours supported by drying tannins. Quite a complex and savoury wine with enough structure and intensity to indicate cellaring potential. Drink 2018 to 2022.

#### AIR NEW ZEALAND WINE AWARDS

October 2017

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Silver Medal

#### RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, November 2017

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4 Stars & 18.0 / 20 Points

Ruby-red colour with some depth and slight purple hues, lighter on the rim. The nose is elegantly concentrated with good volume of ripe, dark-red berry and cherry fruit with raspberry notes, and a fine thread of dark herbs and subtle whole bunch stalk, unfolding a little savoury earthiness. Medium-full bodied, the palate is well-proportioned with good depth of dark-red berry fruit entwined with black cherry notes and suggestions of herbs and whole bunch stalk complexities. The fruit is rich with moderate depth, fine concentration and balanced, fine-grained tannin structure and soft acidity. As the wine flows, nuances of spice and savoury earth emerge and carry to a soft, ethereal finish. This is an elegant and well-proportioned Pinot Noir with dark-red berry and cherry fruit, fine herbal and spicy-earthly notes on a fine-textured palate. Match with pork, veal and beef dishes over the next 5-6 years. 100% Awatere Valley fruit, clones 115, 667, 5, 113 and 777, hand-picked, given a 10 day cold soak and fermented with 20% whole bunches to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 10 months in 20% new French oak.

## CUISINE MAGAZINE

John Saker, Issue 182, April 2017

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4 Stars

Spiced blueberry pie registers big in this wine's aroma department. In the mouth, there's a big serving of soft dark fruit: dense – almost plump – yet elegant. Experienced winemaker Stu Marfell has created a wine that is cuddly and approachable, but will develop well if cellared.

## NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL WINE SHOW

September 2017

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Silver Medal