

## CRIMSON PINOT NOIR 2016

### WINEORBIT.CO.NZ

Sam Kim, July 2017

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5 Stars & 94 Points

Youthful, yet impressively harmonious and complex, the wine offers lifted aromas of dark cherry, raspberry, game and clove with hints of thyme and floral notes. The palate delivers lovely weight and roundness, beautifully complemented by silky texture and pristine fruit flavours as well as subtle savoury complexity, finishing long and satisfying. A delectable offering showing charm and delight. At its best: now to 2021.

### BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, August 2017

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4.5 Stars & 94 Points

Richly scented pinot noir with plum, cherry and mineral flavours, together with a seasoning of spice and subtle herbal characters. A bright, high energy wine that's a pleasure to drink now but has the potential to develop well.

### THE WINE FRONT

Campbell Mattinson, July 2017

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94 Points

Martinborough pinot noir at the hand of one of the masters. "The name Crimson is inspired by a love of rata and pohutakawa, New Zealand's stunning red-flowering native trees. Sales of this wine support the Project Crimson charitable conservation trust".

It isn't the flagship pinot from Ata Rangi but boy is this a powerful wine. Impressive to say the least. This is muscular and dense, in a varietal context, with satsuma plum, steel, black cherry and campfire notes bleeding gradually into sweet spice and stem. It's as intricate as it is integrated. It's primed with tannin, all spicy and ripe, and it still manages to fan ample flavour out through the finish. It's all quite remarkable, really.

### JAMESSUCKLING.COM

Nick Stock, November 2017

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93 Points

A powerful pinot with deep-set darker cherry and plum fruits, sappy and spicy fresh forest aromas. Pomegranate and ripe dark-fleshed peaches add plenty of interest. The palate has a deep, luscious and spicy feel to it with plenty of rich and ripe cherry fruits on offer. This carries a bold ball of tannins in a polished but dense mode. Drink now and for several years to come.

## CAMERONDOUGLASMS.CO.NZ

Cameron Douglas MS, August 2017

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93 Points

Distinctive and pure with bold sensory engaging aromas of red berry fruits, plums and wild red flowers; a calm yet precise measure of oak with a soft brown spice level; some whole berry scents with a suggestion of carbonic maceration adding lifted aromas of fruit. On the palate – youthful, fresh, fruity, crisp and dry; flavours of red berry fruits and wild red florals, abundant fine tannins, backbone of acidity, lush and lengthy. Decant for service through 2018. Best drinking from late 2018 through 2026.

## RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, October 2017

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5 Stars & 18.5 / 20 Points

Moderately deep, cerise-ruby red with youthful purple hues. This is ripe, up-front and juicy with sweet, aromatic fruits, with dark raspberries and cherries and plum notes. This is easy to access and is inviting with its sweetness. Beautifully and fully ripe on palate, the fruit is sweet and juicy, with raspberries and plums. The fruit is underlined by fine tannin extraction providing noticeable structure and grip. The primary fruit as I saw when last tasted is giving way to the extract. The acidity lends freshness and vibrancy still. Hand-picked fruit, clones 5, 10/5, Abel and Dijon clones, vines 5-20 y.o., destemmed and indigenous yeast fermented with a high proportion of whole berries to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 10 months in 20% new French oak.

## YVONNELORKIN.COM

Yvonne Lorkin, February 2018

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4 Stars

The team at Ata Rangi are head-over-kite nuts about pohutukawa trees and re-establishing native rata in the lower North Island where it once flourished, henceforth, sales of every bottle of this succulent, juicy pinot go towards the Project Crimson charitable conservation trust. Tamarillo, spicy cherry and black quava burst forth on the nose and palate, the tannins are deliciously dusty and it's plummy and darn yummy.