

RUNHOLDER PINOT NOIR 2014

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Sam Kim, August 2016

5 Stars & 94 Points

The bouquet is just gorgeous: aromas of dark cherry, plum, game, clove and floral with nuances of cedar and dried herbs. The palate is concentrated and wonderfully fruited, while remaining elegant and poised. A delectable pinot offering fabulous fruit intensity, enhanced by seductive complexity. At its best: now to 2022.

RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, February 2016

5 Stars & 18.5+ / 20 Points

Dark, deep ruby-red colour, a little lighter on the rim. The nose is refined and aromatic with ripe, dark red berry and cherry fruit unfolding ethereal dark-red and violet florals, and nuances of dark herbs and mineral detail. This is soft in expression with a tightly bound heart. Medium-bodied, the fruit flavours of dark red cherries, berries and plums are lifted by violet aromatics and flow with sweetness and richness. The mouthfeel is harmonious and silky-smooth, with very fine, flowery tannins and balanced acidity providing a refined line. The flavours carry seamlessly to a fragrant, ethereal finish of red fruits and florals. This is a soft, rich and aromatic Pinot Noir with a harmonious and seamless-flowing mouthfeel and fine-grained tannins. Match with duck and pork dishes over the next 5-6 years. Clones Abel, 6, 10/5, 777, 115, 667, 5 and 13, 60% from the 'Sutherland', 6% from the 'Todd' and 34% from the 'McLeod' blocks of the 'Home' vineyard, fermented with 5% whole bunches to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 10 months in 24% new French oak.

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL WINE SHOW

September 2015

Gold Medal

SPIEGELAU INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

July 2015

Gold Medal

DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS

July 2016

Silver Medal & 90 Points

Rich and moderately weighty Pinot with a superabundance of damson, red plum, spice, cherry/berry and smoky oak flavours. There is plenty of oak and sweet fruit before the tannins kick in on the structured palate. Finishes lengthily.

MICHAEL COOPER'S NZ WINE BUYER'S GUIDE 2017

Michael Cooper, November 2016

4.5 Stars

This is the middle-tier label. The 2014 vintage is deep ruby, floral, rich and supple, with good density of cherry, spice, plum and dried-herb flavours and a finely textured, very harmonious finish. An elegant wine, with a sense of youthful vigour, it's well worth cellaring. Fine value.