

PINOT NOIR 2015

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Bob Campbell MW, August 2017

5 Stars & 99 Points

Very seductive pinot noir combining a sensual, silken texture with layers of complex fruit and savoury flavours. The wine has structure but it is deeply buried within a core of sweet fruit. Dark-fleshed plum, violet, cherry, spice and very subtle fresh herbs are among the more obvious flavours in this supremely complex wine. Outstanding! Drink 2017 to 2026.

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Sam Kim, July 2017

5 Stars & 98 Points

A symphonic offering, once again, exhibiting red/black cherry, mushroom, mixed spice and vanilla characters with nuances of black tea and floral on the nose. The palate is superbly structured and seductively expressed, offering lovely fruit purity together with sensual mouthfeel and savoury undertones. Perfectly proportioned and impeccably balanced, this is another super-star in the making. At its best: 2019 to 2030.

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Raymond Chan, October 2017

5 Stars & 19.5+ / 20 Points

Deepish ruby-red with youthful purple hues. This has a full, ripe and layered nose, multi-faceted with dark red berry fruits, an array of red and violet florals, and subtle dark herb elements, some whole bunch showing (?), all interwoven and quite complete in all dimensions. Rich, sweetly ripe, rounded and mouthfilling with a very finely concentrated core, with layers of flavour, with fruits herbs and oak all in harmony. The mouthfeel is one of richness and finesse, the tannins velvety, with piquant acidity and there is underlying power. Incredibly beautiful. 40% Abel clone, the remainder 5, Dijon clones and 10/5 from the company's oldest vines, indigenous yeast fermented with 35% whole bunches to 13.5% alc., the wine spending 20-26 days on skins and 11 months in 35% new French oak.

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Nick Stock, November 2017

97 Points

A complex and giving wine that was born of a low-yielding, dry vintage, this is testament to the character of these older vines. The nose carries a deep-set spiciness in the cinnamon and baking spice spectrum with plenty of ripe red plum, some red cherry and spiced plum pastry, too. There's a greater savory and spice emphasis this vintage. The palate has plenty of tannins, gently chewy and assertive, and it carries a core of tangy cherry pip-flavored fruit and nutty ripeness through the finish. Drink now and for some years to come.

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Cameron Douglas MS, August 2017

96 Points

Ripe, varietal, engaging bouquet of Pinot with scents of red cherry, plum, crushed raspberry and a steely vibrant youthful attack; there's a haunt, an echo and fragrances of minerality that adds a distinctiveness. On the palate – firm, crisp, youthful and dry; flavours of red berry fruits, spicy bacon oak and ripe, youthful tannins with fine, chalky and urgent textures. Dry lengthy finish. A wine poised for long cellar time if desired. Decant for service. Best drinking from 2020 through 2030.