

MCCRONE PINOT NOIR 2014

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Sam Kim, June 2018

5 Stars & 98 Points

A magnificent, cellar-aged pinot; the bouquet is totally seductive, displaying spiced plum, dark cherry, game, truffle and cedar characters, followed by a silky-smooth palate that is multi-layered and impressively weighted, while remaining exquisitely elegant and harmonious. The wine offers fabulous fruit purity together with alluring savoury complexity, making it irresistibly delicious. At its best: now to 2026.

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

Nick Stock, November 2017

97 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.

BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, June 2018

5 Stars & 96 Points

The sixth release from Ata Rangī's McCrone Vineyard. Quite a dense, savoury pinot noir with cherry, berry, dried herb, stemmy, floral, violet, mixed spice and anise flavours. It makes a bold statement. A firmly-structured wine with obvious cellaring potential. Drink 2018 to 2023.

CAMDOUGLASMS.COM

Cameron Douglas MS, June 2018

96 Points

Complex and alluring bouquet of Pinot Noir led by aromas of stony minerality, a steely haunting layer amidst aromas of red berries and red apple; then vanilla and sweet oak scents. Dry, complex and equally alluring on the palate with layers of dried herb, stony earthy flavours, firm youthful tannins and acidity to match. The core of red berry fruits brings all the elements together into a long and complex finish. Overall balance still to arrive, this wine needs more time please. Best from 2020 through 2030+.

RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, October 2017

5 Stars & 19.0- / 20 Points

Dark, deep ruby-red colour. The bouquet is intensely deep with complex secondary notes, the nose showing bold, savoury dark red berry fruits with dried herbs, whole bunch stalk lift and nuances of undergrowth. Full-bodied on palate, this has weight and power, with depth and concentration. The fruit is sweetly rich with savoury dark-red berry, cherry and plum notes with dark and dried herbs, stalk elements, and nuances of game and undergrowth. The extraction and structure is considerable, and the acidity balanced and integrated. A fulsome and complex wine already. The fifth release of this single site label. Clones Abel, 5, 116 and 777, fermented with 30% whole bunches to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 11 months in 20% new French oak barriques.

THE WINE FRONT

Gary Walsh, September 2017

95 Points

I did a quick tasting of twenty or so Martinborough Pinot Noir... and the venue was the McCrone House, which sits inside the McCrone Vineyard. So I walked outside into the vines to finish the tasting. Dried flower perfume, dried cherry, sappy orange peel. Pow pow powerful, with a bitterness and dark chocolate flavour in with brighter perfumed fruit, chinotto and tannin push the finish out. Really like this. Has an X-factor, a bit of chutzpah, that sets it apart from the pack.