



Impromptu by Misha's Vineyard Pinot Noir 2010



18/20 ★★☆☆☆ **4 stars** "Very dark, full and even, purple-hued ruby-red colour, with depth. The bouquet is full of ripe, dark cherry and plum aromas, broad and interwoven with violet florals, dark herbs, spices and minerals. Medium-full bodied, rich, dark berry fruit and plum flavours unfold with liquorice, Asian spices and oak, the palate showing good acid tension and fine-grained tannin grip. The back palate softens out and long spice, oak and liquorice flavours flow on a long finish. This is a ripe and richly flavoured Pinot Noir with dark plummy flavours, good seasoning and spice. Match with Mediterranean and Middle Eastern fare over the next 3-5 years. Clones 6, 5, 115, 667 and 777, given a cold soak and indigenous yeast fermented to 13.5% alc., the wine given 23 days on skins. The wine was aged 7 months in 16% new 300 L French oak barrels. The 'Impromptu' is a barrel selection for the style. 415 cases made. Mar 2012" (**Raymond Chan, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews**)

91/100 "This is meant to be an unheroic early-drinking Pinot, yet the wine is stylish and engaging with red/black cherry, floral and mixed spice notes on the nose followed by a delicious smooth palate, well supported by excellent fruit weight and fine tannins. A really lovely drink". (**Sam Kim, Wine Orbit**)

4 stars ★★☆☆☆ "From Misha's Vineyard, the debut 2010 vintage was made for mostly 'on-premise' consumption (in restaurants and bars.) Estate-grown at Bendigo and fully barrel-aged, it's delicious now, with rich colour and buoyant, well-ripened cherry and plum flavours, seductively strong, fresh and smooth". (**Michael Cooper, www.MichaelCooper.co.nz, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines**)

87/100 ★★☆☆☆ **4.5 stars** "The best example since this wine was first made in 2008. Good weight, mouth feel and density. Excellent value at this price. Classy yet affordable Central Otago Pinot Noir" (**Bob Campbell, MW**)

4 stars ★★☆☆☆ "Nose and palate: This wine will please many who like Pinot - a sound core of light red fruits and centering on the flavors of brown spices, chocolate and cherry with an oaky vanillin signature. The palate is firm and dry with a powerhouse of red fruits then medium+ tannins and acid. Cherry rich, flavourful and very drinkable – now." (**Cameron Douglas, Master Sommelier**)

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"A prediction. A relative new kid on the Central Otago block, Misha's Vineyard, will be the next big thing. Why? Because the wines are consistently so very good...."
(**John Hawkesby, NZ Herald**)

Misha's Vineyard - One of New Zealand's Top 20 Producers
(*Decanter UK, September 2010*)

