

Misha's Vineyard "The Audition" Pinot Noir 2007



90 points Bob Campbell

"Light, almost ethereal wine with intense red cherry and spice flavours. Crisp acidity helps to accentuate the wine's bright and vibrant fruit. Unusual, distinctive, and attractive".

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Misha's Vineyard "The Audition" Pinot Noir 2007 "Savoury herbs and spice aroma, full bodied, showing fine tannins and plenty of potential for further development." (Glenda Neil - Vinoté)

"Applause, please, for a new entrant in the world of wine. Misha's Vineyard has one of the most beautiful sites in the country. ..Perched on the edge of Lake Dunstan, the 57ha estate is in the Bendigo sub-region of Central Otago. "When we held our ceremony at the beginning of our vineyard planting, we buried Chinese gold coins underneath the first eight vines to bring us luck," says co-owner Misha Wilkinson. It's working. The launch of the vineyard coincided with a gold medal for Misha's 2008 Gewurztraminer at last year's Air New Zealand Wine Awards.

"The Wilkinsons spent much of their working life in Asia and establishing this vineyard is the fulfilment of a long-held dream. They've managed to snare an impressive team, including high-profile viticulturalist Robin Dacey and Pinot Noir specialist Olly Masters. To date, along with the Gewurztraminer there's a Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Riesling. Tough time to get started, but fortune favours the brave". **2007 Misha's Vineyard 'The Audition' Pinot Noir** . Only 100 cases made. Raspberry and red fruit with hint of oak, earth and liquorice. Wonderful maturity for 3-year-old vines." (John Hawkesbury, NZ Herald)

Misha's Vineyard The Audition Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007 ★★☆☆½

Grown at Bendigo, the 2007 vintage (★☆☆½) is a single-vineyard wine, hand-picked at over 24 brix, fermented with indigenous yeasts, matured in French oak hogsheads (100 per cent new), and bottled without fining or filtration. Deep ruby, it is finely scented and savoury, with sweet-fruit characters and strong cherry, plum and spice flavours, underpinned by fairly firm tannins. A fine debut, it's a complex, harmonious red, for drinking now or cellaring. (Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines 2011)

"**2007 Misha's Vineyard The Audition Pinot Noir** ...As its name implies, The Audition is the first ever Pinot Noir from the new Misha's Vineyard, planted on the shores of Lake Dunstan in Bendigo, Central Otago. Made from young vines, it's an opulent Pinot Noir made in tiny quantities (just 100 cases this time round), which will grow as times goes on. Primary fruit flavours and a medium to light bodied style define this soft southern red wine. (Joelle Thomson, MiNDFOOD)

"Pinot Noir – a touch on the cooler side, and a little light. Good herb nuances, still very attractive. The presentation is superb!" (Raymond Chan, Regional Wines & Spirits)

"**Misha's Vineyard 'The Audition' Pinot Noir 2007** is a bright yet deep ruby colour and is smoky and aromatically scented and richly flavoured with exotic spices, black cherry and plum fruit and reasonably forward varnished oak with gamey flavours evolving on the finish and again, that little hint of anise. Made from the first fruit picked off the vineyard, from the first vines planted in 2004, it has passed the audition. It will get to play a part in the chorus but the scene has been set for a leading role with more vine age and less new oak in subsequent years. Best match was *ostrich fillet topped with foie gras and sprinkled with 'chocolate soil'*. (Sue Courtney, WineoftheWeek.com)

"A wine with some instant impact - very fruity with fruit jubes, raspberry, raisin and morello cherry and new season black cherry notes. A touch cordial like. Ripe sweet mid-palate. No mistaking the varietal fruit character of this wine. Moderate spice (oak) and mix of fruit and oak tannins lead to a moderate + finish."(Cameron J. Douglas, Master Sommelier)