



## Misha's Vineyard *The Starlet* Sauvignon Blanc 2009

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***"Misha's Vineyard has just three vintages under its belt but is already proving to be one of Central Otago's great wine producers."***

(Bob Campbell, March 2010)

### **Misha's Vineyard *The Starlet* Central Otago NZ Sauvignon Blanc 2009** ★★★★★ 92/100

This is the first vintage of a wine designed for export markets only. Intense, pure wine with pungent passion fruit flavours. It has an ethereal texture and deliciously soft acidity. Sauvignon Blanc with the purity and power of a good Riesling. (Bob Campbell, [www.bobswinereviews.com](http://www.bobswinereviews.com) Jan 2010)

Winemaker Olly Masters has crafted a range of exceptional aromatic wines that display the terroir and climate of this stunning Central Otago site. For more on Misha's Vineyard and where to purchase go to [www.mishasvineyard.com](http://www.mishasvineyard.com) (Glenda Neil, *The Wine Editor*, December 2009)

**Misha's Vineyard *The Starlet* Central Otago NZ Sauvignon Blanc 2009** As for the Sauvignon Blanc, it is unusual to come from the region of Central Otago. Grown on a very steep slope, this wine is cropped at very low yields. It's different from the Marlborough area with its delicacy and you can feel the intenseness of the fruit which has lots of life" (Akihiko Yamamoto, *Yomiuri Online* – Japan, March 2010)

Misha's Vineyard in the Bendigo district of Central Otago is a new comer with huge enthusiasm and careful planning to capture the special climate, soil and aspect of the spectacular vineyard overlooking Lake Dunstan. Established by Andy and Misha Wilkinson, they have hired two of the best in the business to do it right from the very beginning: Robin Dicey for viticulture and Olly Masters for winemaking. It's early days but the wines are already looking refined and stylish.

**Misha's Vineyard** new releases look fab. Whites show lovely perfume and exquisite texture making them great to drink, even better with food. (Sam Kim, *Wine Orbit*, 2010)

**Misha's Vineyard's** first commercial launch therefore presents an impressive platform on which to build. The range encompasses pinot noir (three levels, one yet to be released) plus aromatics - riesling, pinot gris and gewurztraminer (there is also a sauvignon blanc to keep export markets happy). The 2008 pinots and 2009 whites were on offer at the release and all were very accomplished wines showing a lovely approach to texture - a virtue all too often lacking. Olly has also cleverly managed to allow Central's rather exuberant fruit to shine through on the nose of the pinots while offering subtle, savoury, dry and textural palates. Smart stuff! ... So well done to Misha and her team - this is a label to watch. (Emma Jenkins, *Independent Wine Monthly*, December, 2009)

**Rated in top 10 in Wine Grand Prix - 7<sup>th</sup> Challenge: The Best of New Zealand – Sauvignon Blanc-** (*Wine Style*, Hong Kong, Issue 007, 2010)

"For those wanting to stick to something more familiar, The Local Nose can definitely offer a top-quality Sauvignon Blanc wine from Central Otago, New Zealand. This sassy-n-fresh white is definitely a "starlet" that will dazzle your palate and leave you thirsty for more!" (Sarah Mayo, Singapore, *The Local Nose*, July 2010)

"Hints of guava, green fruit and gooseberry on the nose with soft mineral notes. Entry shows a slight bit of residual sugar, good grip on the palate and nice acidity." (Chee Wee Lee, Singapore, *The Local Nose*, July 2010)

"Pronounced grass, citrus and bell pepper aromas. Fresh, zesty on the palate with a similar flavour profile as the nose. Lengthy finish and very pleasant aftertaste." (Hwee Peng Lim, CSW, Singapore, *The Local Nose*, July 2010)

"Ripe, tropical fruit nose with a touch of grass. Medium bodied, dry and medium-high acidity. Clean, grassy flavours with some kiwi fruit too. Dry, mineral finish with a good length. Simple and straight forward." (Ying Hsien Tan, Singapore, *The Local Nose*, July 2010)

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