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## Misha's Vineyard 'The High Note' Pinot Noir 2010



**GOLD MEDAL** 2015 International Wine & Spirit Competition, London

**95/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "This is just getting better with time. Still remarkably youthful, the bouquet shows dark berry, game, clove and nutmeg characters with a hint of dried herb complexity. It is powerful yet graceful on the palate, and delivers layers of delectable flavours backed by velvety texture and polished tannins. A terrific pinot showing refined style and fruit richness. At its best: now to 2020. Feb 2016." **(Sam Kim, Wine Orbit)**

**95/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "Dense wine with plum, dark cherry, spice and liquorice/anise favours. Complex and classy Pinot Noir with quite strong, savoury tannins giving the wine obvious cellaring potential". **(Bob Campbell, MW)**

**5 Stars** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ "Maturing well, the 2010 vintage (5\*), estate-grown in the Cromwell Basin, was harvested from very low-yielding vines (4.5 tonnes/hectare), fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured in French oak hogsheads (38 per cent new). Deep and still fairly youthful in colour, it's a powerful, savoury red with dense, plummy, spicy flavours, showing excellent complexity, and a finely textured finish. Delicious now, it should be at its best 2016+. Feb 2016 **(Michael Cooper, New Zealand Wines 2016 – Buyer's Guide)**

**18.5+/20** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "Predominantly clone 5 fruit with significant portions of 777, 667 and 115, plus Abel and clone 6, fully destemmed and indigenous yeast fermented to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 16 months in 38% new 300 L French oak hogsheads. Very dark, deep ruby-red colour, slightly paler on rim, youthful in appearance. The bouquet is elegantly concentrated with bright, ripe dark berry fruit aromas, some raspberry liqueur and dark red florals entwined with an amalgam of oak and fresh herbs. Medium-full bodied, this has a tightly concentrated core of sweet dark red berry and cherry fruit. This has purity and depth and excellent

linearity with fine-grained, firm tannin drive and excellent acidity for vitality and vibrancy. The oaking is sensitive, adding to the brightness & shine, and this has classical proportion & structure. This is a fine, firm & concentrated Pinot Noir with bright dark red berry fruits & the structure to develop over the next 7-9 years." **(Raymond Chan)**

**92+/100** "Medium to deep ruby-purple in color, the 2010 The High Note Pinot Noir reveals a lovely, intense core of black cherry and violets that shows nice purity and is accented by clove and a touch of cinnamon. The medium to full-bodied palate is attractive and has plenty of structure marked by medium level, grainy tannins, balanced acid and a long, spicy finish. It's nice to see brave use of ripe tannins! Drink it now to 2017+." **(Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, Wine Advocate/eRobert Parker, USA)**

**93/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** "Complex, savoury, loaded with minerality, oak and intensity - a serious bouquet! Ripe, fresh red berry fruit aromas with a savoury cherry and plum suggestion; fine to moderate oak layer; overall alluring and inviting. On the palate - lots of tension and grip - youthful mild savoury notes and complex; fine to silky to firm tannins; medium+ acidity; flavours of red berried fruits re-emerge. A complex & youthful wine...Drinking window 2017 – 2020". Dec 2015 **(Cameron Douglas, Master Sommelier)**

**18.5/20** **My Top 10 NZ Reds of the Year** "Closed but with plenty of unexplored depths. There's plenty of aromatic intensity yet to open up and this intensity is confirmed on the palate which shows plenty of concentration, harmony and depth. Great concentration and focus on the mid-palate that's still tightly wound. Linear acidity. Floral-like nuances on the long length. 18.5/20 or 92.5/100." **(Rebecca Gibb)**