

2010 GREYWACKE PINOT NOIR

Review Summary

GREYWACKE

Kevin Judd

95 pts "...full of dark plum, black cherry and earthy complexity; the palate is bordering on unctuous, with hedonistic layers of juicy fruit and a fine backbone of silky tannins; a long and expansive wine with freshness at its core."

Ben Edwards, James Halliday's Wine Companion
May 2013

95 pts "My favourite of all the current Greywacke releases. An absolutely delicious pinot...Elegant, delicate, refined, full of finesse and gentle balance. Very good length. Brambles, cherries, the tiniest hint of smoky bacon. A mineral background. Very fine tannins, impressive length. Loved it."

Ken Gargett, SpitBucket.com
May 2013

94 pts – ★★★★★ "...beautifully fragrant pinot...dark cherry, game, floral and subtle nutty characters. The palate is beautifully weighted and focused with velvety texture..."

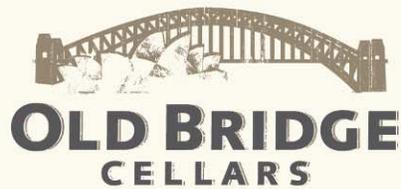
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
May 2013

93 pts "I really like this beautifully packaged Pinot Noir, which shows beautiful aromatics of floral black cherry fruit. The palate is fresh and elegant with supple black cherry, a smoothness of texture and a fine spicy finish. Real purity and precision."

Jamie Goode, WineAnorak.com
May 2013

93 pts – Highly Recommended "Smooth and elegant, this offers cigar box aromatics to elevate the already sophisticated mix of mineral, cedar, spice and ripe plum notes. This has a plush frame and a long, lingering finish. Drink now through 2016."

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
June 15, 2012



92 pts “Lovely wine with a raspberry, ripe strawberry, smoky oak character with hints of beef. Some caramel. Full body, with pure fruit and polished velvety tannins. Intense fruit finish, yet acidity gives it tension and structure.”

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com
December 28, 2012

92 pts “Kevin Judd, the founding winemaker at Cloudy Bay, the winery that put New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc on the world’s wine map, shows with this wine that he can also make distinctive Pinot Noir. After 25 years at Cloudy Bay, Judd and his wife, Kimberly, established Greywacke in 2009. For their 2010 Pinot Noir they purchased fruit from throughout the Marlborough area. This mid-weight Pinot Noir combines bright pure fruit flavors with slightly funky earthy notes that add an exotic edge. Zesty acidity enlivens it and keeps it balanced. With time in the glass, the interplay between pure fruit and savory notes becomes even more intriguing. This is a wine to savor over grilled salmon.”

Michael Apstein, WineReviewOnline.com
July 31, 2012

92 pts “In Marlborough’s Southern Valleys there is a noted vineyard area known as Brancott, where Kevin Judd sourced the grapes for this juicy Pinot Noir. After soaking the juice on the skins, helped along by daily hand plunging, fermentation using indigenous yeasts was carried out in French oak barrels. The wine was then aged in barrel for 15 months. It shows a lovely deep medium ruby color, with violets and boiled tea aromatic accents that follow over to the flavors. There’s nicely integrated smoky-toasted oak and ripe berry flavors, supported by refined tannins, 14% alcohol and good length. This is a delicious Pinot that drinks well now but will develop more complexity and depth with additional bottle aging.”

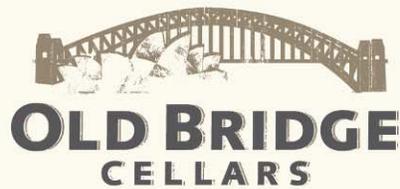
Gerald D. Boyd, WineReviewOnline.com
March 13, 2012

91 pts “Deep red/purple; impressive colour. Plenty going on here. Soft yet persuasive powdery tannins. Lots of structure and extraction. Good length.”

Huon Hooke, HuonHooke.com
May 2013

91 pts “Cloudy Bay winemaker Kevin Judd has produced a moderately full-bodied, lush Pinot Noir under his own label. Intense cherry-berry fruit is framed by smoky, spicy oak that ends on notes of clove and hickory.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
April 2013



91 pts - Top choices in New Zealand Pinot Noir “Bright full red. Aromas of black cherry, rooty underbrush and smoky minerality. Smooth and glyceric but at the same time juicy and perfumed, offering lovely concentration to the complex, well-delineated flavors of raspberry, spices, sassafras and underbrush. Best today on the sweet, smoky, very long finish, which shows strong saline soil tones, sappy red fruit notes, fine-grained tannins and excellent grip. Drink or hold.”

Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar
September 12, 2012

91 pts – Very Good+ “This dark cherry colored Pinot Noir opens with a fragrant black raspberry bouquet with a hint of black cherry, vanilla oak and a sense of some heat. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, nicely balanced, and smooth. The flavor profile is a plum and cola blend with nicely integrated oak and a hint of blueberry. The finish is dry, elegant, and subtle. The panel suggested pairing this tasty Pinot with chicken marsala or pork tenderloin.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
May 15, 2012

90 pts “Pale ruby-purple in color, the 2010 Pinot Noir shows vibrant red cherry and red raspberry notes with hints of cinnamon stick, cloves and tree bark. Medium to full-bodied, it is quite elegant and well poised in the mouth, with a low to medium level of fine tannins, a crisp acid backbone and a long finish. Drink it now to 2016.”

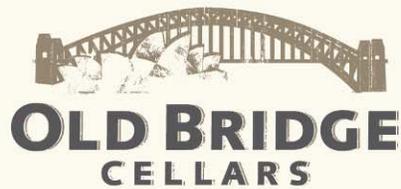
Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
October 2012

9-9.5/10 pts “Medium garnet in color, this wine has a wonderfully perfumed nose of floral, cherry and raspberry fruit. In the mouth the wine is earthy, and exceedingly silky and smooth on the palate. Raspberry cherry, and stemmy wood flavors swirl amidst a gorgeously slippery silky texture that is powdered with fine tannins. Sexy as all get out.”

Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com
November 6, 2013

★★★★½ “...full-coloured, weighty and savoury, with youthful, vibrant cherry, plum and spice flavours...excellent richness and potential.”

Michael Cooper, Buyer’s Guide to NZ Wines 2012



“A new label/import from Old Bridge Cellars, I thought this was fantastic. Nice balance and complexity, offering savory tobacco aromas and flavor accents to the pure black raspberry and tangy plum fruit. Picking up baking spice, chalky mineral notes through the lush, focused finish. Ready to drink now and over the next 4-5 years.”

Robyn Tinsley, WineSkinny.com
November 30, 2012

“Medium reddish-purple color in the glass. Nicely perfumed with aromas of dark berry jam, spice, forest floor and a hint of black cherries. Earthy with flavors that echo the nose, becoming richer and more enticing over time in the glass. Silky, with soft tannins and a good cut of acidity on the finish. Still fine the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle. Very good and worth seeking out.”

PinotFile.com
October 1, 2012

“Although winemaker Kevin Judd first achieved fame with Sauvignon Blanc (he was the longtime winemaker at Cloudy Bay) he clearly knows what to do with Pinot Noir too. His Greywacke Pinot – made in the same region as the famed Cloudy Bay – is marked by compelling aromas of cigar box and dark plums. It’s a wine that also benefits from decanting.”

Lettie Teague, Wall Street Journal – “What Happened to New Zealand Pinot Noir”
September 1, 2012

“A beautifully made version with rich, ripe black cherry fruit and notable wood notes. If this wine did not impress up initially, well, it would be difficult for just about any wine to do that after the two examples of Sauvignon. However, the wine did open up nicely after thirty minutes, revealing a more floral side to the aromas. The tannins are nicely balanced and there is good acidity. We all agreed that the wine is just a bit too young and that another year in the bottle would do wonders.”

Tom Hyland, THylandViews.blogspot.com
April 11, 2012