

2012 GREYWACKE PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



96 pts (19/20) – Top 50 Wines of 2014 "Elegant with concentrated red cherry, violet, mixed spice and coffee flavors. Sweet fruit is balanced by fine tannins which help drive a lengthy finish. A taut, thoroughbred that needs time to unlock its obvious complexity."

Bob Campbell, Decanter.com "Top 20 New Zealand Pinot Noirs"

September 30, 2014

92+ pts "Made with grapes coming from a 15 year old vineyard in the Brancott Valley, just down the road from Clayvin, that is planted mainly with 777, 115 and 667 clones, the medium to deep ruby-purple colored 2012 Pinot Noir reveals aromas of red currants, black cherries and raspberry leaves with some loamy characters plus hints of roses and black tea. The concentrated, medium-bodied palate has a great savory fruit character supported by firm, grainy tannins through the long, earthy finish."

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
December 2014

92 pts "Fresh and aromatic, with green matcha tea, sea salt, lavender and melon notes to complement the pure macerated raspberry and juicy cherry fruit and generous velvety tannins. Gains complexity and nuance on the long finish."

MaryAnn Worobiec, WineSpectator.com August 8, 2014

90 pts "New oak darkens the scent of this wine, but there's plenty of stemmy fruit to support it. Crisp acidity turns its flavors toward pink grapefruit in the finish. Bosky and vinous, this will open up in the company of roast squab or other dark-meat game birds."

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits February 2015

89 pts "Bright medium red. Musky aromas of blackberry, strawberry, spices and flinty minerals. Dense, chewy and concentrated but a bit youthfully aggressive, with a serious tannic spine giving the finish a slight dry edge. This will need time in bottle to burn off some of its baby fat and absorb its dusty tannins. But there's very good material here."

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar September/October 2014