

## 2015 INNOCENT BYSTANDER CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR

### Review Summary



**92 pts/SMART BUY** “Ripe raspberry and strawberry flavors are plush and velvety, accented with details of roasted cumin, cinnamon and thyme. Shows plenty of focus on the long finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*  
August 2017

**92 pts** “An Aussie winery ventures into Kiwi country and comes up with a winner. Clean and juicy with ripe cherry, and plum fruit; fresh and lovely with notes of spice oak.”

Anthony Dias Blue, *The Tasting Panel Magazine*  
July 2017

**90 pts – Very Good+** “This cherry-red colored Pinot Noir from New Zealand opens with a red raspberry bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and savory. The flavor profile is tart red raspberry and strawberry rhubarb blend with hints of mild minerality and gentle oak. The finish is dry and its flavors are nicely prolonged. This good value Pinot is a nice wine to pair with food. I would pair it with Chinese pork dumplings.”

Ken Hoggins, *KensWineGuide.com*  
June 27, 2017

**89 pts** “Medium red. Showing a perfumed nose of red berries and cherry, this easy drinking wine is quite light on the palate with a delicate, feminine note.”

Don Winkler, *International Wine Review*  
January 18, 2018

**88 pts** “Cinnamon is prominent on the nose of this wine, while bright berry, cherry, black olive and floral notes linger in the background. The acidity... mingles seamlessly with fine grained tannins...”

Christina Pickard, *Wine Enthusiast*  
December 2017



**88 pts**

**Wine & Spirits Magazine  
October 2017**

**88 pts** “It is savory and spicy on the nose showing game, nutmeg, clove and dried herb characters with dark berry undertones. The palate delivers elegant fruit weight and intensity, nicely supported by fine texture and polished tannins, leading to a finely drying finish.”

**Sam Kim, WineOrbit.co.nz  
November 2016**

**17.5/20 pts** “Light, even ruby-red color with slight purple hues, lighter on the rim. The nose is full with gently voluminous aromas of dark-red cherry fruit that reveals a fine, tightly bound, penetrating core with dark thyme herb notes and suggestions of whole bunch stalk elements, and fragrant red florals. Medium to medium-full bodied, this has an aromatic and ethereally fragrant palate with fresh, dark-red cherry fruit entwined with lifted red florals along with subtle thyme herb and whole bunch stem nuances. The palate has very fine-textured tannin extraction providing a supple mouthfeel, and poised acidity lending freshness and palate vitality. The palate carries to a light, fragrant finish of cherries and florals. This is a finely detailed, ethereal and aromatic Pinot Noir with red cherry, floral and herb notes on a fresh, fine-textured palate.”

**Raymond Chan, RaymondChanWineReviews.co.nz  
November 16, 2016**

**GOLD MEDAL**

**TEXSOM International Wine Awards 2017**