

vinous

Vinous October 22, 2015:

93 pts Chapter 24 Last Chapter Pinot Noir 2013

Deep red. Sexy, highly perfumed aromas of red berry preserves, potpourri and spicecake, with a smoky topnote. Sweet, open-knit raspberry and cherry flavors possess convey excellent depth and energy, with juicy acidity adding spine. Rich yet lively and precise, with berries, spices and flowers repeating on the gently tannic, very long finish.

92 pts Chapter 24 Fire + Flood The Fire Pinot Noir 2013

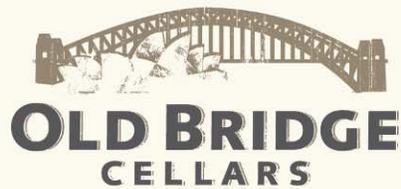
Vivid red. Raspberry, candied rose, cola and blood orange on the intensely perfumed nose. Silky, sweet and open-knit, offering an array of red fruit flavors complicated by notes of spicecake and floral pastille. Shows very good energy and focus on the clinging finish, which features supple tannins and an echo of candied flowers.

92 pts Chapter 24 Fire + Flood The Flood Pinot Noir 2013

Dark red. An intensely perfumed bouquet evokes fresh dark berries, Indian spices and potpourri, with a cola nuance gaining strength with air. Juicy, expansive and sweet on the palate, offering focused black raspberry and cherry flavors and a suggestion of candied flowers. Shows very good clarity and lift on the finish, leaving a note of cherry-cola behind.

91 pts Maison L'Envoyé The Attaché Pinot Noir 2013

Bright red. Perfumed aromas of fresh red berries, star anise and musky underbrush, plus notes of incense and candied rose. Palate-staining red fruit flavors turn sweeter with air. This energetic, precise Pinot finishes with strong thrust and gentle tannic persistence.



90 pts Maison L'Envoyé Two Messengers 2013

Vivid red. Raspberry, fresh flowers and blood orange on the perfumed nose. Silky and tightly focused on the palate, offering zesty red fruit flavors, with a hint of five-spice powder emerging with aeration. Finishes refreshingly brisk, with just a hint of fine-grained tannins.

90 pts Dobbes Family Estate Momtazi Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012

Deep red. Smoke- and spice-laced dark berry and cherry pit scents, along with suggestions of saffron and woodsmoke. Juicy and incisive on the palate, offering nicely concentrated bitter cherry and blackcurrant flavors that flesh out and gain in sweetness with aeration. Finishes spicy and long, with fine-grained tannins adding shape and grip. Give this one a little bit of air if you're planning on cracking a bottle anytime soon.

88 pts Dobbes Family Estate Grand Assemblage Pinot Noir 2013

Bright red. Musky cherry skin and underbrush scents are lifted by a suggestion of cracked pepper. Chewy and focused on the palate, offering bitter cherry and redcurrant flavors and a touch of fennel. Closes taut and spicy, with sneaky tannins coming up slowly. Nicely structured but I'd have liked more succulence.