

2017 INNOCENT BYSTANDER CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



92 pts/SMART BUY/100 TOP VALUES OF 2019

“Polished blueberry and cherry compote flavors are fresh and show plenty of complexity as they mingle with matcha green tea, sandalwood and dried lavender notes. There’s plenty of precision here, with a long finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
December 2019

90 pts “This dark red colored Pinot Noir from the Central Otago region of New Zealand opens with an inviting red raspberry bouquet with hints of forest floor, gun powder and teaberry gum. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied and balanced with medium acidity. The flavor profile is a tangy red raspberry and strawberry blend with notes of pomegranate, red currant and cranberry. The finish is dry and its tingly acidity and flavors fade away slowly. The Panel suggested pairing this reasonably priced Pinot with grilled salmon.

Ken Hoggins
Ken’s Wine Guide
May 2, 2020

88 pts “A more deeply pitched nose displays notes of briar, poached plum and more spice wisps. The mouthfeel is similar to the 2018 version with its succulent, round and fleshy texture though the markedly dusty finish possesses a mild acid tang. This is delicious though not quite as well-balanced.”

Allen Meadows
Burghound
October 13, 2020