



PROPHET'S ROCK *Pinot Noir Reviews*

2005 Vintage

"Elegant and powerful Pinot Noir that delivers its array of cherry, plum and spice flavours with great subtlety. Very attractive wine indeed - one of the best from the vintage."

Bob Campbell MW

Score: 93/100 (☆☆☆☆☆) Tasted: March 2007

"Ruby and some velvet, a little deeper than the Felton Road Block 3. This is a quietly-spoken wine, beautifully pure, suggesting darkest florals in black cherry fruits, subtly oaked. Yet in mouth it seems to expand, with boronia and violets florals becoming even more apparent, in black cherry fruit of great succulence. Oak is beautifully restrained. This will probably be scoring more highly in another couple of years."

Geoff Kelly

Score: 18 ½ (☆☆☆☆☆) Cellar 5 - 15 years



2006 Vintage

"A superb pinot from the wonderful 2006 vintage in Central Otago. Floral and spice aromatics; elegant and powerful with deep concentrated black cherry fruit; rich, silky smooth and complex finishing with smooth velvety tannins. A well-structured, full-bodied, beautifully pure pinot noir with a lasting finish. Seriously good pinot! A richly perfumed, notably generous and supple red with a lovely surge of cherry, plum and spice flavours. Simply irresistible."

Michael Cooper, NZ Listener
(☆☆☆☆☆) & Wine of the Week

"Making complex and multi-layered wines, pinot noir's effect when tasted has been likened to a peacock's tail as flavours slowly unfurl across the palate building to a spectacular finish. Prophet's Rock Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006 is another great new find from Central Otago, with vineyards in Bendigo and Lowburn. From just their second vintage, this is a rich, supple and well-structured pinot revealing complex layers of plush, ripe morello cherry fruit, toasty oak and thyme."

Jo Burzynska, NZ Herald – Ten Pinots to Try

"Lots going on here with black cherry, plum, sarsaparilla, pepper, spice, smoke, flowers and pencil oak all making their contributions to this aromatically action packed wine. It's medium bodied with bright fresh acidity, smooth lightly chalky tannins and excellent flow through the mouth. Not heavy or sweet with flavours of black cherry, graphite, liquorice, spice, a little cocoa and a long clean spicy finish. It's a very impressive wine. "

Gary Walsh, Winorama

Score: 93 points (☆☆☆☆☆) Drink: 2008 - 2014

"A wine of real stature, enticingly fragrant and deeply coloured. Rich, sweet-fruit flavours, concentrated and complex, with ripe, supple tannins. Loads of personality."

Winestate Magazine (☆☆☆☆☆)

"The Pinots from the Central Otago region of NZ are among the most remarkable in the world and this red is captivating on the nose and wonderfully velvety on the palate. The fruit flavours cover every angle from cherries to wild strawberries – it's a real treat."

Matthew Jukes

"Medium to deep ruby colour. Profound nose of violets, moss, cooked beets and dark chocolate covered cherries. The palate is elegant, crisp and complex with a minerally, savoury character supported by a medium level of finely grained tannis. Very long finish. Drink now – 2012."

ERobertparker.com

Score: 93 points - Tasted: October 2008

Beautifully aromatic. Lovely Sandalwood, herbal and cedar nuances, with some lifted violet aromas. Very attractive and beguiling, smoky and moreish. Quite tight on the palate still, with little bloody and truffly notes, but all tightly-wound inside cherry fruit with tight, fine tannins that are nevertheless grippy. Very long and intense, but well-balanced and will benefit from a few years in bottle.

Tom Cannavan

www.wine-pages.com

Score: 92 points - Tasted: January 2009

2007 Vintage

“Dense, ripe wine with hints of floral/violet, ripe plum and cherry characters. The wine has an interesting savoury edge. More weight and intensity than its younger brother, Rocky Road. Firm, ripe tannins suggest good cellaring potential. A serious, classy Pinot Noir..” **Bob Campbell**

MW

Score: 90/100 (☆☆☆☆) Tasted: March 2008

“Powerful, weighty, complex red, hand picked after an ultra-low-yielding season, fermented with indigenous yeasts. French oak-aged and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Deeply coloured with highly concentrated, ripe cherry, plum and nut flavours.”

Winestate Magazine (☆☆☆☆)

“The 2007 vintage grown mostly at Bendigo, in the Cromwell basin, was handpicked from low yielding vines (3 tonnes/hectare), fermented with indigenous yeast, matured for 16 months in French oak barriques (35% new) and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Powerful, weighty and complex, it is deeply coloured, with highly concentrated, ripe cherry, plum and nut flavours. It’s a notably complex, dense and savoury wine, delicious now”.

Michael Cooper. (☆☆☆☆)

“Dense, ripe wine with hints of violet, ripe plum and cherry characters, and a savoury edge. Firm, ripe tannins suggest good cellaring potential. A serious, classy Pinot Noir.” **92 pts.** Cellaring: 7 years

Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine

“The pinot is always held back for three years before release to allow development in the bottle - an accountant's nightmare but a winemaker's dream. Soft, balanced and stylish. “

John Hawkesby

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