

ASTROLABE MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

2016 VINTAGE

93 points "OUTSTANDING"

"Ripe, very vibrant and varietal with dark cherry and plum, dried herb and spicy with some new oak influences and light smoke moments, quite complex and intriguing. Dry, fruity and firmly textured with medium+ tannins and acid to match. Light dried herb layer and toasty wood tones. Balanced and well made. Drink now and through 2024." April, 2018

Cameron Douglas Master Sommelier



2015 VINTAGE

93 points "OUTSTANDING"

"Youthful and intensely fruity bouquet loaded with ripe dark cherry fruits with a mangosteen, plum and dark raspberry suggestion; plenty of vanilla and lightly toasted oak layer, concentrated and inviting overall. On the palate – charming, engaging, fruity and dry; fruit flavours reflect the palate; medium+ acidity and tannins with fine textures and silky moments; great balance and length. Drink now if decanted. Best drinking from 2019 through 2026." April, 2017

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Wine Spectator

"Impressive for the linear, focused beam of cherry, cranberry and Earl Grey tea notes, with white pepper and dried rose petal accents. The sleek body and spicy, lingering finish make this memorable. Drink now through 2028." June 30th, 2018

MaryAnn Worobiec Wine Spectator

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THE TASTING PANEL
MAGAZINE

"Fresh, smooth and bright with elegant, ripe berry fruit; juicy, dense and complex; long, deep and balanced." June, 2017

Anthony Dias Blue Tasting Panel Magazine

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JAMES SUCKLING.COM

"Quite a bold, rich and concentrated style of Marlborough pinot that has a rich, darker, cherry-focused nose. The palate is full of flavor and nicely formed tannins that are smooth and fleshy. Drink now." March 29th, 2017

James Suckling jamesuckling.com

92 points "HIGH QUALITY"

BOB CAMPBELL
master of wine

"Fleshy pinot noir with good weight and ripe plum, dark berry and smoky oak flavours. The wine has a pleasing texture and a lengthy finish. Accessible now but with some cellaring potential." July 13th, 2017

Bob Campbell Master of Wine

4.5 stars "EXCELLENT"

New Zealand
Wines

"The classy 2015 vintage (4.5*) was grown at five sites, from the lower Waihopai Valley to Kekerengu, hand-picked, fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured for 10 months in French oak barriques. Deeply coloured, it is mouthfilling and concentrated, with youthful, deep plum, cherry, spice and dried-herb flavours, finely balanced tannins, and good cellaring potential. Best drinking 2019+." 2018 Edition

Michael Cooper New Zealand Wines: Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide

