

ASTROLABE

PROVINCE
RANGE



2017 VINTAGE

95

95 POINTS "OUTSTANDING"
"Dark cherry, savoury, crumbled stone and dark spices of toasty French oak, complex and intriguing bouquet. Vibrant, fruity, dry, savoury and complex on the palate with flavours of dark berries and plums, firm tannins and vibrant acid line. Delicious, mouth-watering, savoury and varietal. A wine for the cellar, but also ready for drinking from 2022 through 2028+." SEP 21
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Cameron Douglas, Master Sommelier
World of Wine

Antonio Galloni
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90 POINTS "OUTSTANDING"
"A savory and elegant Pinot Noir that fills the mouth with cool, elegant fruit. Hailing predominantly from the richer soils of the region's Southern Valleys, this midweight example has some additional substance, and the tannins envelop the mouth with a fine-grained texture. The finish bursts with freshness and is redolent of damson, raspberries, woodsmoke and spice. Drinking well now; this is a short- to medium-term drinker that will evolve but not necessarily improve further. Drinking window 2021 - 2024." MAR 21

Rebecca Gibb, Master of Wine
Vinous

18.5

18.5/20
"This soft, smooth, velvety and complex four-year-old Pinot Noir comes from this country's biggest wine region and one of its best-known wineries, Astrolabe. It's made from hand-picked grapes, 85% from the Southern Valleys and 15% from the K?kereng? Coast. Wild yeast fermentation and ageing for 10 months in French oak barriques add up to a superlative Pinot Noir that highlights Marlborough's potential for exceptional Pinot. Bravo, Simon Waghorn and the Astrolabe team." JUN 21
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Joelle Thomson
DrinksBiz

MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

92
POINTS
JAMES SUCKLING

92 POINTS "OUTSTANDING"
"A fruity pinot noir with aromas of cherries, cranberries and sweet spices. Some smoke, too. Medium body with fresh acidity. Juicy and lively with lots of red fruit on the palate and a supple finish. Sheer and long. Drink now." OCT 21
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James Suckling
JamesSuckling.com

4 STARS
MICHAEL COOPER'S
BUYER'S GUIDE
Pinot

4 STARS "EXCELLENT"
"The 2017 vintage (4*) was grown in the Southern Valleys (85 per cent) and at Kekerengu (15 per cent), hand-picked, fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured for 10 months in French oak barriques. Bright ruby, it is a powerful, full-bodied red, with strong, plummy, spicy flavours, an earthy streak, good complexity and a fairly firm finish. Best drinking 2021+." Buyer's Guide Edition: 2020
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Michael Cooper
New Zealand Wines: Michael Cooper's
Buyer's Guide 2021

Otago Daily Times

"RECOMMENDED"
"Wild herbs, stalk, savoury notes, hint of oak, attractive florality growing with the fruit in support. Starts tangy and fresh, with darker fruits, lead pencil and leaf notes, shifting to a brooding forest floor/earthiness with time. Coolness to the fruit, fine tannins in support, lovely integration and drinkability already but potential too." APR 21
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Mark Henderson
Otago Daily Times

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90 POINTS "HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"
SILVER
"Spicy and meaty notes on old-world style nose, touch of earthiness. Ripe damson, plum flavours, smoky savoury oak finishing long." JUL 21
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90 POINTS "OUTSTANDING"
"Initially this was quite firmly reduced though 15 minutes of air helped considerably even if it didn't dissipate completely. There is by contrast good verve and freshness to the concentrated, fleshy and mouth coating flavors that conclude in a dusty and moderately robust finale that delivers fine depth and persistence. We will see in time if the reduction disappears but even if it doesn't, this still offers enough interesting qualities to be attractive. 90/2024+." OCT 20
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