

# McCrone Vineyard Pinot Noir

## 2020

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97 POINTS

**James Suckling MW | [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com)**

November 2022 *A lovely nose of sliced strawberry, grated nutmeg, suede and rose. Negroni. Orange. Medium- to full-bodied with silky, fine tannins. Nuanced and concentrated with an array of subtle spice and herbs decorating the beautifully fresh red berries. Spice. Iron. Rust. Savory undertones provide depth and complexity on the palate and evolve and oscillate as time goes on. Open grain tannins at the end. New single vineyard bottling. Sustainable. Best after 2025. Screw cap.*

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**Bob Campbell MW | [realreview.com](https://www.realreview.com)**

November 2022 *Quite a fragrant/floral aroma with more plum, dark cherry, wood smoke, liquorice and nutty oak evident on the palate. Seamless, silken texture that is appealing now but promises to get even better with bottle age. The wine opened up as it sat in the glass and deserves to be aerated. Cellar 2023 — 2025*

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**Christina Pickard | [wineenthusiast.com](https://www.wineenthusiast.com)**

November 2022 *The McCrone Vineyard, with its combo of clay and alluvial gravel soils, brings distinct personality and minerality to this beautifully expressive wine. It starts with a heady nose you could fall straight into. Dried spices and herbs, vanilla pod, tree bark and cracked black pepper are in the fore, weaving through cherry, redcurrant cordial and orange rind. There's an ethereal lightness to the palate, but a tight structure to the fine tannins. Silky, freshly fruity and spicy, it's elegant, approachable and age-worthy.*

94 POINTS

**Mike Benie | [winefront.com](https://www.winefront.com)**

November 2022 *A hotter site, per se. Clay soils. Certified organic site. Around 40% whole bunch, which seems to be a major part of the identity of the wine, showing more here. Very floral perfume, violets, rose petal, lots of raspberry and sweeter fruit and spice characters to sniff on. Juicy and bright in the palate, fresh-feeling and loaded with primary fruit, albeit gossamer textured, glossy and vibrant too. Tannins squeaky, bouncy, crisp in a way. Fine and frisky expression.*

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**Erin Larkin | [wineadvocate.com](https://www.wineadvocate.com)**

November 2022 *The 2020 McCrone Vineyard Pinot Noir is great. This leads with salted tomato, cherry and caper brine. This is mineral as hell, tight, expansive and spicy and gray in color spectrum; it's not all ribald cherry/berry fruit. There is drama here—floral and rocky with ferruginous tannins. I like it.*