

McCrone Vineyard Pinot Noir

2024



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Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com

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A fascinating wine, ripe and varietal with a bouquet that speaks to site first with scents of wild red flowers and dried herbs, dark berries then a seam of wood spice and soil-smoke of stone with an ashen quality. As the wine begins to open out in glass the depth and concentration this site delivers comes into focus with a purity of fruit, dark cherry and wild red berries. On the palate a young, taut and dry wine with an urgency and power from the tannins and acidity, dark berries, dried herb and wood smoke. Lengthy and persistent, a wine that will further settle and develop over the next few years with be drinking from 2033 through 2040+.

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The first of Ata Rangi's Single Vineyard pinots to enter the Classification—having attained the 10-vintage minimum of releases to qualify—is the McCrone Vineyard.

Consistently the largest-scaled and most muscular of the set, it is also often the wine which shows the most distinctly ripe expression of fruit. In the low-yielding 2024 vintage, it possesses an added layer of puppy fat and concentration to buffer its structure, a worthy year to enter the list at Two Merits!

This is a ripe and concentrated pinot which opens with generous aromas of grated coconut, strawberry shortbread, wild blackberry, cinnamon and ginger snaps. The full-bodied palate is both mouth-filling and complex with the dark cherry, berry fruit held in place by long, grainy tannins, ripe, tangy acidity and smoky, almost savoury nuances.

A seriously structured, muscular wine which will evolve slowly, it can be approached after another year or two in bottle.