Escaroth Vineyard Pinot Noir
2018

4 STARS & 94 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | The Real Review

April 2021   *From the Escaroth vineyard just south of Blenheim. Light in colour but not lacking in charm or power. An elegant wine with cherry, spice, dried herb, bramble and nutty oak flavours. Accessible now but should develop well with bottle age.*

96 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camerondouglasms.com

May 2021   *A single vineyard expression presenting a complex, pure, intriguing and perfumed bouquet. Light red berry fruits, red apple skin and scents of place with aromas of fine silty clay and sand minerals then complexity from judicious use of oak with light brown kitchen spices followed by aromas of mild toasty barrel and savoury dried herb layer. Equally complex on the palate, tense and youthful with firm textures and velvet mouthfeel from tannins and acidity. Savoury with a core of fruit and flavours that reflect the bouquet. A fine wine with power and finesse, complexity and length. Best drinking from 2022 through 2030.*

TOP 10 NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR WINES

Winefolio NZ

July 2021   *A crazy-good wine from the Taylors Pass area of Marlborough. Lighter colour disguises a Pinot bountiful in flavour and perfume. A little funk initially on the nose, then into a rounded mid-section with real drive and 'pop'. Great structure. Serious as well as fun. A lot going on – plush red berry fruit, loads of spice, ripe tannins. "Full of personality" said the Boss.*

16.5/20 POINTS

Julia Harding MW | jancisrobinson.com

January 2022   *Quite pale - much paler than the 2019. Quite developed in colour, too, like a reddish tawny. Has a slightly reductive note, just a little bit rubbery, and needs air but it doesn't change much on the day after opening. Underneath that is bright, zesty, small-red-berried fruit, almost sour in its mouth watering freshness. Distinctive but less elegant/subtle than the 2019 and less likely to age well, I think, though perhaps that reductive aspect is going to give it greater longetivity.*