

REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

Escaroth Vineyard Pinot Noir

2021



96 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com

June 2024

Outstanding 'Immediately complex with a bouquet of depth and intrigue, softness and floral highlights, there's personality and prettiness then scents of earth and dried clay mineralty, red berry fruits and a fine dried herb quality. There is oak too with a seam of baking spices and savoury complexity framing the core aromas. Delicious on the palate with an abundance of fine needlepoint tannins, plenty of acidity and a core of red berry fruit flavours - from mangosteen to plum to cherry. Then, a light leather and tea quality with a fine savoury layer. Well made, youthful, delicious now and will be so through 2033+.

95 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | realreview.com

August 2024

Already very expressive, the 2020 vintage (5) was hand-harvested from 19 year-old vines at Taylor Pass, in the Southern Valleys, and matured for a year in French oak barriques. Bright ruby, it is a refined, complex wine, very savoury and supple, with deep, ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours, finely integrated oak, and a silky-textured, very harmonious finish. Best drinking 2025+.*

5 STARS

Michael Cooper | MA ONZM

August 2024

The very youthful 2021 vintage was hand-harvested from 20-year-old, unirrigated vines on a north-facing clay slope at Taylor Pass, in the Southern Valleys, matured for 11 months in French oak barriques (35 per cent new), and bottled unfined and unfiltered. From an ultra low-cropping harvest (3.3 tonnes/ha), it is deeply coloured, mouthfilling, sweet-fruited and savoury, with highly concentrated cherry, plum and spice flavours, and good tannin backbone. A more 'masculine' style than its Anthem Vineyard stablemate of the same vintage, it should be very long-lived; best drinking 2027+.

93 POINTS

James Suckling | jamessuckling.com

March 2024

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Rebecca Gibb MW | Vinous

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90 POINTS

Rebecca Gibb MW | Vinous

February 2025

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17.5 POINTS

Julia Harding MW | jancisrobinson.com

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