

Una Volta Pinot Noir

2018



90 POINTS

Allen Meadows | Burghound

November 2020 *This too is very spicy and quite floral in character though the fruit is more deeply pitched, offering up notes of dark pinot fruit and plum nuances. There is a bit more volume as well to the richer though less well-delineated middle weight flavors that conclude in a delicious and complex if mildly edgy finale. This is certainly pretty but the balance is less well-dialed in plus there is a hint of warmth.*

92 POINTS

Nick Stock | JamesSuckling.com

November 2020 *A one-off parcel of pinot that offers aromas of violets, as well as blueberries and cherries. The palate has an attractively supple and sleek feel with plush tannins and vibrant acidity, holding blue-fruit flavors smooth and fresh. Drink now. Screw cap.*

95 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | therealreview.com

September 2020 *Creamy-textured pinot noir with ripe plum, dark berry, liquorice, anise and spicy flavours. A classic 'iron fist in a velvet glove' with seemingly good cellaring prospects.*

89 POINTS

Robert Parker | Wine Advocate

May 2021

Joe Czerwinski | winemag.com

May 2021 *This is a new bottling from a vineyard located between Cromwell and Wanaka. Made using 50% whole clusters and 35% new French oak, the 2018 Una Volta Pinot Noir offers up scents of cola, raspberries and button mushrooms. It's medium to full-bodied and tart on the palate, veering toward cranberries on the finish, where silky tannins are accentuated by those crisp acids. Give it another year or two and see if it mellows a bit.*

90 POINTS

Huon Hooke | huonhooke.com

May 2021

91 POINTS

Rebecca Gibb MW | Vinous Media

March 2021 *Cor almighty, this is a structured Pinot! It starts innocently enough, filling the mouth with elegant fruit, but as things progress, the tannis build to a crescendo, tightly clasping the mouth on the smoky-bacon-like finish. It's incredible that only free-run juice was used for the wine, such is its frame. The medium-length finish speaks of black cherry fruit, licorice, festive spices and a subtle floral note that is indicative of the high whole bunch component.*

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James Suckling | jamesuckling.com

February 2021 *A one-off parcel of pinot that offers aromas of violets, as well as blueberries and cherries. The palate has an attractively supple and sleek feel with plush tannins and vibrant acidity, holding blue-fruit flavours smooth and fresh.*

18/20 POINTS & TOP 3 NZ PINOT NOIRS 2018

Julia Harding MW | jancisrobinson.com

January 2022 *Much darker than the Anthem Pinot 2018. The fruit is also darker and more savoury but still with Pinot's unmistakable perfume: dark-red fruits and a non-sweet floral fragrance – not really what I expected from the colour. There's a Morey-St-Denis-like floral spice. Concentrated but not in the least heavy. Plenty of tannins considering it was only the free-run juice but they are polished and fine. Polar opposite to the Anthem 2019 and shows the range of terroirs and styles in Central Otago. Firm, gently chewy, with terrific density but all lithe and full of energy. Not quite ready yet though hard to resist.*