

Highly Recommended (continued) 90-94 pts



Forrest, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
MB 90 CP 94 PT 89

£13.85 James Nicholson, The Vineyard, McEntee's
Rich fruit tinged with cocoa and lavender, this wine is poised and cheerful. It has a slightly earthy nose underneath the primary aromatics, with delicate cranberries and cherries on a sweet-savoury palate, then hints of coffee on the finish. *Drink 2016-2017 Alc 13.5%*



Invivo, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013 91 MB 93 CP 90 PT 90
£15 Aveyrs

Coffee, plum and slightly rubbery aromas developing harmoniously with savoury oak and sweet raspberry fruit that is settled and poised. A vibrant acid core unfolds as it opens, being decidedly firm on the finish. Exudes charisma. *Drink 2016-2017 Alc 14%*



Vidal, Reserve Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2015 91
MB 89 CP 90 PT 94

£15-£17.15 Cambridge Wine Merchants, New Zealand
Attractive floral notes and vivid raspberry aromas that are balanced by plenty of vanilla on the palate and fresh fruit patisserie charm. It's light and pretty with good structure and weight. *Drink 2016-2019 Alc 13.5%*



Amisfield, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2014 91 MB 90 CP 92 PT 90
£26 DBM Wines, Inverarity Morton

Intriguing aromas of nuts, wet wood, dried red fruit and autumn leaves leading into a bright, curious palate driven by fruit that draws you back to the glass again and again. A fine texture and freshness albeit slightly muted on the fruit. *Drink 2016-2019 Alc 14%*



Giesen, Small Batch Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2014 91
MB 88 CP 90 PT 94

£19 Appellation Wines, Burdett Wines, Ehrmanns, Last Drop, Shenfield Wine Co, Wine Importers Edinburgh
Lifted floral and citrus aromas. There is cocoa, cinnamon, cloves and coffee mingling with a bright juicy palate of raw red berries and length from acidity. *Drink 2016-2018 Alc 14%*



Kusuda, Pinot Noir, Martinborough 2014 91
MB 90 CP 90 PT 92

£70 BI Wines, Farr Vintners, Slurp
Light for this region but very seductive, with blackberry and smoked almond aromas. Generous fruit palate with wonderful depth enhanced by cherry and herbal notes, with a long, fresh finish. *Drink 2016-2018 Alc 13%*



Palliser Estate, Pinot Noir, Martinborough 2014 91 MB 92 CP 90 PT 90

£16.50 Justerini & Brooks
Strangely muted aromas but brightness and juiciness unfold seductively across the palate to reveal oak spice framing a rush of fruit concentration. This is big but restrained; very clean and precise, finishing long. *Drink 2016-2018 Alc 13.5%*



Rod McDonald, One Off Pinot Noir, Martinborough 2014 91
MB 90 CP 92 PT 90

£24-£26.50 Soho Wine Supply, Steevenson Wines
A nicely modest package of pretty, dark fruit aromatics leading through to the vanilla-spiced palate, full of bright strawberry compote and ground almond flavours. This is fresh, vibrant and charismatic, full of appeal right to the end. *Drink 2016-2017 Alc 14%*



Spy Valley, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2014 91
MB 94 CP 92 PT 86

£16 Fine Wine Co, Winedirect
A light, refreshing style that sees crunchy red cherry fruit, rhubarb and crushed raspberries on the palate mixed with wet stones and cross leaves that leaves it juicy, fresh and long. A slightly citric nose but wonderful acidity and tannin structure. *Drink 2016-2018 Alc 13.5%*



Valli, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2014 91 MB 90 CP 93 PT 89
£39-£46.50 AC Gallie, Love Wine, New Generation McKinley

Starting with a generous, fruit-forward nose, this leads to a palate of sweet, ripe raspberry and cherry fruit. The oak then dominates, but it is fresh and firm and should improve given its bold style. *Drink 2016-2018 Alc 13.5%*



Craggy Range, Te Muna Road Vineyard, Martinborough 2014 90 MB 91 CP 91 PT 89
£22.50 Bibendum PLB, Waitrose

An intense mix of dark berry fruits, mixed pines and violets laced with liquorice and Sichuan pepper. A little too much CO₂ but it is balanced by a fresh, crunchy weight and gingery pepper notes on the finish. *Drink 2016-2017 Alc 13.8%*



Johner, Reserve Pinot Noir, Gladstone, Wairarapa 2014 90
MB 88 CP 90 PT 93

£29 ABS Wine Agencies, Spen Valley Wines
Reserved aromas but a delicious, pure fruit palate of sophistication and concentration. A savoury, inky wine, full of damson fruit and seasoned, quite aggressive oak. Muscular and juicy. *Drink 2016-2018 Alc 14.5%*