



CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR PRESS

CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2014

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA

91+ points

The 2014 Pinot Noir has a pale ruby color and slowly evolving nose of warm cranberries, mulberries and kirsch with underlying notes of black earth, truffles and mossy bark. It packs a lot of red berry and earth flavor layers into an elegant, medium-bodied palate, with firm, chewy tannins and a refreshing acid line to support, finishing with lingering savory notes. **Lisa Perrotti-Brown, June 2017.**

Decanter World Wine Awards 2017

Silver Medal – 91 points

James Suckling, USA

93 points

From older vines on 100% clay soils, this has a complex, undergrowthy and leafy nose with darker cherries and plum fruit. The palate has a finely detailed texture and attractive, grainy tannins that lead to a sturdy, commanding finish. Drink now to 2024.

Wine Orbit, Jan 2017, NZ

5 stars – 94 points

From their dry-farmed, high-density vineyard, this gorgeous pinot combines ripe fruit richness with seductive savoury complexity, showing red/black berry, violet, dried herb and earthy mushroom

characters on the nose. The palate is beautifully weighted and multi-layered, and offers sensual mouthfeel together with gamey undertones. Wonderful balance and harmony.

Raymond Chan, Jan 2017, NZ

4 stars – 18+/20

Even, dark ruby-red colour, lighter on the edge with slight purple hues. The bouquet is firm and tightly bound with restrained aromas of savoury red berry fruits, and complexing dried herbs and nutty oak forming a tight core. Medium-full bodied, the palate is fine in presentation with harmonious and integrated flavours of dark red berry fruits interwoven with subtle notes of dark herbs and nutty oak. The fruit is rich and builds in depth, revealing complex dried herb and earthy interest. The wine has depth and concentration, with fine-grained structure and supple, velvety tannins. The acidity is balanced and some alcohol drive carries the wine to a long, elegant finish. This is an elegantly concentrated and fine-grained Pinot Noir with a complex savoury bouquet and sweetly rich, concentrated mouthfeel. Serve with coq u vin and game meat dishes over the next 5-6 years. Hand-picked fruit, clones 5, 10/5, 667, 777, 114, 115 and Abel from 'Broadbridge and 'Wither' clay soils, vines 8-13 y.o., fully destemmed and fermented with whole berries to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 12 months in 25% new French oak barrels.

International Wine & Spirits Competition 2016

Silver Medal

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90+ points

Pale to medium ruby colored, Clos Henri's 2013 Pinot Noir offers a heady, meat and floral laced nose with touches of beef drippings and violets over the red currants and cranberry foundation. Medium-bodied and elegantly constructed on the palate, it has a chewy tannined backbone with plenty of freshness cutting through the tight-knit fruit, finishing with mineral accents. . - **Lisa Perrotti-Brown, March 2016**

Raymond Chan, Jan 2016, NZ

4 stars – 18/20

Even ruby-red colour, paler on edge. This has a firmly packed and deep bouquet with aromas of ripe dark red berry fruit that blooms in volume unfolding plum fruit, dark red florals, liquorice and spices, dark herb elements and some nutty oak. Medium-full bodied, the palate is refined and rich with sweet flavours of dark red berry fruit and plums, entwined harmoniously with subtle spice, liquorice, herb and nutty elements. The wine is very fine-textured and smooth-flowing with integrated acidity, lending an elegant linearity. The flavours are carried to a refined, lingering, dry finish. This is an elegantly concentrated, rich-fruited and fine-textured Pinot Noir with flavours of dark berry fruit and subtle spice notes. Serve with lamb, beef and semi-hard cheeses over the next 5-6 years.

CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2012

Blue Lifestyle, April 2017, California

91 points

Silky and bright with fresh cherry fruit and floral notes; juicy and clean, long and balanced; elegant and smooth.

Wine Enthusiast, January 2016, USA

91 points

For a winemaking family from the Loire, it must be a delight to work in Marlborough's almost unending

sunshine. This is a medium-bodied, silky Pinot with scents of compost. Add that gentle earthiness to black cherry fruit, hints of herb and cola and the result is a winning combination. Drink 2018–2025. – **Joe Czerwinski**

Bob Campbell MW, July 2014, NZ

94 points, 4.5 stars

'Attractively scented Pinot Noir with black cherry, plum, blackberry and spice flavours. Elegant yet with good density and a very lengthy finish. Classy wine that's accessible now but should age well.'

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA

92+ points

Pale to medium ruby in color and revealing a wonderfully perfumed nose of lavender and roses wrapped around a good core of red cherries and pomegranate plus a touch of humus, the medium-bodied 2012 Pinot Noir is structured by a good backbone of grainy tannins and just enough acid to support the delicate red berry and earth flavors. It finishes long. - **Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Dec 2014**

Michael Cooper Buyer's Guide 2016, NZ

4.5 stars

From Henri Bourgeois, a top Loire Valley producer with a site near Renwick, the 2013 vintage was hand-picked from eight to 13-year-old vines, fermented in large oak vats, and matured for a year in French oak casks (25 per cent new). Full ruby, it is a complex style, firm and savoury, with good concentration of ripe plum, cherry and spice flavours, and the backbone to age well. Best drinking 2017+. Certified organic.

Michael Cooper Buyer's Guide 2015, NZ

4.5 stars

The 2012 vintage was fermented in large oak vats and matured for a year in French oak casks (25 per cent new). Deep ruby, it is full-bodied and sweet-fruited, with generous cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours, complex and savoury, fine-grained tannins, and excellent depth, suppleness and harmony. Best drinking 2015+

IWSC 2014
Silver Outstanding Medal

Wine Orbit Magazine, NZ
95/100

The wine combines outstanding fruit concentration with delightful earthy mushroom complexity. It's beautifully fragrant on the nose showing red/black cherry, game, truffle and nutty characters, followed by a powerful yet elegant palate that's intensely flavoured and richly textured. The wine is brilliantly structured by fine, chalky tannins. A thought-provoking pinot showing all the delights of this noble variety. At its best: now to 2022.

Raymond Chan, NZ
18.5/20

Clones 10/5, 5, 667, 777, 114, 115 and Abel grown on 'Broadbridge' clay soils, given a cold soak and fermented to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 12 months in 25% new French oak. Deep, dark ruby-red colour with slight garnet hues, lighter on edge. The bouquet is elegant and ethereal with bright dark red berry fruits and layers of dark herbs with spicy oak. Layers of florals emerge, and the aromas grow in volume and intensity in the glass. Medium-full bodied, tightly packed and concentrated flavours of bright dark red berry fruits are entwined with subtle herbal elements and distinctive oak spices. The fruit is supported by very fine-grained sinewy tannins and balanced, lacy acidity, which provides drive and linearity. The palate core has detail and nuance which carries through to a sustained finish. This is an elegant, well-concentrated Pinot Noir with a fine, sinewy texture. It will unfold and become richer over the next 6+ years. Match with lamb, beef and hard cheeses.

JamesSuckling.com, Oct 2015
94 points

An impressively resolved pinot that has beautifully matched ripe red cherry fruits, savory stones, bracken and spices. A really engaging wine. The tannins are superbly articulated on the palate, gently grainy and just registering above an arc of pristine red cherry fruit. Very supple and even, this is one of their best to date. Superb. Drink now.

Cameron Douglas MS, March 2016, NZ
93 points

Very sophisticated, elegant and complex bouquet; some bottle development has harmonised the oak, red fruit and tension from the vintage into a noteworthy level of complexity. On the palate – dry, firm, complex and layered with a mix of red fruit flavours, fine to moderate tannins and abundant acidity, a thin layer of dried herb, older oak layers and a fine Burgundian-like finish.

Wine Enthusiast, USA
90 points

Jamie Goode - New Zealand Pinot Noir
92/100

Juicy, bright, fresh and supple with nice red cherry and plum fruit. Pure, fresh with nice focus and purity, and a savoury finish.

Buyer's Guide to NZ Wine 2014, NZ
4 ½ stars

'From Henri Bourgeois, a top Loire Valley producer with a site near Renwick, The 2011 vintage was fermented in large oak vats and matured for 14 months in French oak casks (25 per cent new). Full-coloured, it is sturdy, warm and nutty, savoury, spicy and complex, with ripe cherry and plum flavours, firm tannins, and the power and structure to mature for many years. - **Michael Cooper**

Raymond Chan, NZ
4 stars (18.0-/20)

‘Dark ruby-red colour with good depth and some garnet hues on edge. The nose is soft and ethereal with ripe red berry fruits and harmoniously entwined dried herb and oak detail, showing good presence and building intensity. Medium-full bodied, well-concentrated and densely packed flavours of dark red berry fruits meld with soft earth, herb and toasty oak nuances. The palate features a fulsome structure from significant extraction, providing grainy, slightly dry textures and tannins. Moderate acidity adds to the fullness and weight and the chewy tannins carry the flavours to a moderately long, dry finish with toasty oak notes. This is a fulsome and well-structured Pinot Noir with ethereal red fruit flavours. Match with coq au vin and roasted pork or veal, over the next 5-7 years’.

Bob Campbell MW, July 2013, NZ

92 points, 4 stars

‘Youthful Pinot Noir with firm, drying tannins locking flavour in at this early stage making the wine hard to read. Moderately intense with red fruits and spice. Reasonably austere now but with a promising future’.

CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2010

JamesSuckling.com, Oct 2014

92 points

Bright red-cherry and spiced-plum fruits with hints of peking duck, hoisin, red liquorice and mushroom broth. Sweet, fine red-cherry fruit on the palate, with a fair bit of spicy oak and a lovely blast of meaty/earthy complexity. Good energy throughout with fine, powdery tannins and a savory twist at the end. Drink in 2014. – **Nick Stock**

Magazine Prestige, June 2014, CAN

‘Il y a dans ce vin beaucoup d’éclat, une grande légèreté et une dynamique en bouche qui s’articule autour de la soif, sans pour autant manquer de complexité amenée par des notes plus terriennes faisant penser à l’humus. Les tanins sont quant à eux présents mais fins sans

fermeté. Une belle réussite.’ – **Jean-Sébastien Delisle**

Jamie Goode - New Zealand Pinot Noir

92/100

Sweet, vivid perfumed cherry fruit nose. Supple, rounded and fresh on the palate with real elegance to the sweet cherry fruit, as well as some spicy notes.

Vinography, USA

9 / 10

‘Light garnet in the glass, this wine smells of raspberry, earth, and new oak. In the mouth, flavors of raspberry and new oak have good acidity and a nice brightness to them thanks to excellent acidity. Fine grained tannins linger with the cherry fruit in the finish’.

- **Alder Yarrow**

Sante Magazine, USA

Gold star

‘Intriguing aromas of ripe black fruit, dried plum, cooked raspberry, and cassis, over subtle spice and toasted oak notes. Round and smooth on the palate, with mature black and red fruit, sandalwood, desert spice, and oak flavors, over hints of earthy minerals. Balanced and luscious. A great wine’.

NZ Herald, Oct 2013, NZ

‘From a great vintage where everything came together. As Yvon says, “It’s the best vintage we’ve made so far in New Zealand.” With high-density planting, low yields and strict vigour control so the vine roots drive deeper into the soil, resulting in a pinot noir with a mineral and complex expression. This one is very appealing, with elements of spice and dried herbs’.

– **John Hawkesby**

Gourmet Traveller WINE Magazine, AUS

95 points, 5 stars

‘Tasted alongside the 2011 vintage this wine was more accessible with greater fruit intensity - it is clearly a better

wine although the extra year in bottle may have helped. Red fruits including plum, cherry and a suggestion of raspberry with spice/anise and oak influence’.

– **Bob Campbell MW**

Buyer’s Guide to NZ Wines 2013, NZ

4 ½ stars

‘From Henri Bourgeois, a top Loire Valley producer with a site near Renwick, the 2010 vintage was matured for a year in French oak barriques (25 per cent new). Full and youthful in colour, it is mouthfilling and rich, with concentrated, vibrant cherry, plum and spice flavours, nutty, savoury and complex. It shows obvious potential’. – **Michael Cooper**

Wine Orbit Magazine, NZ

95/100

‘What a beauty. It’s elegant yet powerful, displaying red/black cherry, truffle, cedar and mixed spice notes on the nose. The palate is concentrated and refined with silky texture leading to an impressive long finish backed by fine/firm tannins. This is drinking luxury’.

– **Sam Kim**

Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate, USA

90 points

‘Pale to medium ruby colored, it gives an expressive warm red cherry, black raspberry and lavender scented nose with notes of nutmeg, milk chocolate and toast. Medium-bodied, it’s elegantly fruited in the mouth, with a low to medium level of fine tannins, lively acid and a long, slightly earthy finish’.

- **Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2009

Vinography, USA

9-9.5 / 10

‘Light ruby in the glass, this wine smells of perfumed, sweet raspberry fruit. In the mouth, however, the raspberry is tart and slightly woody, nicely married to deeper earthy notes.

Powdery tannins dust the mouth and a note of sawdust lingers in the finish. Quite distinctive’.

- **Alder Yarrow**

Bob Campbell MW

95/100, 5 stars

‘Scented Pinot Noir with an intriguing mix of plum, cherry and berry flavours with a savoury forest floor/musk-like character that may at least partly be due to bottle age. The texture is really exciting - quite weighty with an almost chewy density. Complex and very appealing wine.’

Sydney International Wine & Spirits

Competition 2012, AUS

Top 100 Blue gold 2012

‘Ripe fruit yet a tight delicate structure. It has lovely depth of flavours and fine-grained tannins that meld perfectly with food. Complex good oak. Ripe flavours. Quite a full bodied style with a slightly tart savoury edge. Sweet oak but with fruit weight and a long warm finish. The wine went very well with the food. Medium cherry garnet in colour. Berries with liquorice and vanilla. Soft velvety tannins with animal and berries. It was lovely with the food, very elegant’.

Good Wine Guide 2013, AUS

91 points

‘A French influence on a New Zealand Pinot? Sure! It’s sultry, broody and quite masculine, with deep, dark cherry and plum fruit, dotted with deep spice and gamey nuance. Plenty of structure on the palate, with a sapid acid line and lingering finish awash with chalky tannin and spicy, red-fruited nuance’. – **Nick Stock**

Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate, USA

91 points

‘The 2009 Pinot Noir was matured for 14 months in French oak barrels, 25% new. Pale to medium ruby colored, it displays aromas of kirsch, warm cranberries and cinnamon stick over nuances of dried mint, tree bark and violets, medium bodied and nicely structured with a medium level very fine tannins and

refreshing acidity, it fills the mouth with expressive red berry and earth flavors, finishing long. Drink this one now to 2016'.

Buyer's Guide to NZ Wines 2012, NZ

4 ½ stars

'From Henri bourgeois, a top Loire Valley producer with a site near Renwick, this vintage was matured for over a year in French oak barrique (25 per cent new). Deeply coloured, it is very fragrant and sweet-fruited, rich and supple, with lush cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours. The best yet'. - **Michael Cooper**

Winestate Magazine, AUS

4 stars

CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2008

Bob Campbell MW, NZ 92/100

'Pure, focused wine with red cherry, wild herbs and (subtle) nutty oak flavours. Quite (and unsurprisingly) Burgundian in style. An elegant, savoury Pinot Noir in a moderately light style but showing good power and length.'

Vinography, AUS

9-9.5 / 10

'Light ruby with a hint of garnet still scuttling about its edges, this wine smells of sweet raspberry fruit. In the mouth cherry and wet dirt dance a wonderful counterpoint, as the bright fruit is wrapped in faint powdery tannins. Juicy, thanks to excellent acidity and an overall nice balance'. - **Alder Yarrow**

Huon Hooke, AUS

92 points

'Medium red to brick-red colour; starting to show some development. Earthy and meaty aromas, a hint of charcuterie. Very savoury on nose and palate and not at all the fruity style of New Zealand pinot. Soft, persuasive tannins are in harmony with the flavour. Very good wine of

food-friendly sapidity, and a long, very dry aftertaste'.

Otago Daily Times, NZ

4 stars

'A classy young wine with rich, dark and red fruits, a hint of mineral, spicy oak, velvety texture and a firm finish'.

Wine Orbit Magazine, NZ

94 points

'The nose is sensual, complex and fragrant, displaying red/black cherry, game and gently woven spicy oak characters. The palate is seamless and flowing with silky texture and plenty of fine-grained tannins providing a classic firm finish. Meticulously structured, this appealing Pinot should develop greater richness and complexity with further time in the bottle'.

– **Sam Kim**

Raymond Chan, NZ

18.5 / 20

'Bright ruby red with a good heart to the colour, this has a full, even bouquet of dark fruits with complicating cedar, savoury meat, mushroom and truffle-like aromas. This is beautifully soft, fine and succulently sweet on the palate; the flavours of dark plums are quite juicy and lush in expression. The tannin extraction is extremely fine and provides a supple and superbly balanced platform for the fruit'.

Good Wine Guide 2012, AUS

93 points

'The Clos Henri pinot is an assertive red-fruit and cassis style that offers a strident, sappy edge, red liquorice and redcurrant on the nose, and a little mint too. The palate's tangy and bright, tannins are taut at this stage, and fine, chalky grip builds and holds the finish down for now. Needs time'. – **Nick Stock**

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA

90 points

'Pale to medium ruby-purple color. The nose is just slightly reduced to begin, opening out to black cherry, game and earthy/loam aromas plus a whiff of tar. Well structured with high acid and a low to medium level of very fine grained tannins, there's a good concentration of flavor on the medium to full bodied palate. The finish is long and layered with restrained berry flavors and a savory toastiness.'

Wine NZ Magazine, NZ

'The vital half-back, a bit stubborn, relentless and getting the job done no matter what pressure from opposition flankers. It may help coming from a French heritage but Clos Henri is a gutsy performer with Pinot Noir : quite strong flavoured yet fresh and vivacious to match any situation. Good balance, plenty of oomph at right time, and with a nuggetty determination. To match any roast dinner, no hurry – will be in the team for a long time'.

- **Peter Saunders**

CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2007

Bob Campbell MW, NZ 93/100

'Tight knit, vibrant and very elegant Pinot Noir with bright cherry, herb, plum, spice and oak flavours. An energetic wine with almost exuberant flavours. Dry and lingering on the finish.'

New Zealand Herald, NZ

"Ripe fruit flavours with restrained elegance, silky tannins and gently integrated French oak. Plums, spice and cherries wrapped in mild herbs." - **John Hawkesby**

CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2006

Bob Campbell MW, NZ 94/100

'Deliciously fruity Pinot Noir with an array of ripe fruit flavours including strawberry, red cherry and plum. The wine is beautifully, if delicately structured with fine, sweet tannins. Wonderfully accessible but with at least moderate cellaring potential. The finish is dry and long.'

Buyer's Guide to NZ Wines, NZ

4 stars

'The 2006 is elegant, with flowing plum, cherry and spice flavours, showing good complexity and suppleness'. – **Michael Cooper**

CLOS HENRI PINOT NOIR 2005

Wine Specator Magazine, USA

91 points

'Fragrant and stylish, with a supple wave of cherry, raspberry, floral and Asian spice nuances. The flavors gain momentum, with nicely integrated oak and fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2010'.