



Reviews & Accolades

## **RACHEL PINOT NOIR 2008**

### **WINE SPECTATOR (USA)**

MaryAnn Worobiec, June 2011

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89 Points

This offers intriguing aromatics, with loamy earth, crushed stone minerality and a hint of star anise that give way to firm tannins and generous plum, cherry and quince paste flavors. Drink now through 2016.

### **THE WINE ADVOCATE**

Lisa Perotti-Brown, October 2010

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90 points

Blended of 3 vineyards, the 2008 Rachel Pinot Noir spends about a year in French oak, 30% new. Medium ruby coloured it has an intense cherry and cranberry nose with some earth, cloves, floral notes, marmite and a little loam. Medium bodied, crisp with a medium level of silky tannins, this is a graceful style that should evolve well. Drink it now to 2016.

### **BOBSWINERREVIEWS.COM**

Bob Campbell MW

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4 stars

Good fruit intensity with raspberry lollies, plum and a reasonably solid oak influence. Quite dense multi-layered wine that's a tad closed. Mineral characters impress.

### **WINESTATE MAGAZINE**

1 May 2011

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4 1/2 stars

Deeply coloured, sturdy blend of grapes from three company-owned sites, given lengthy barrel maturation and bottled unfined and unfiltered. Mouthfilling, with ripe cherry, plum, spice and nut flavours, in a concentrated, very savoury style with a firm finish.

### **THE MARLBOROUGH EXPRESS**

Deborah Walton and Peter Morice, May 2011

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Garnet red in the glass, displaying excellent depth of colour. The lifted aroma displays attractive cherry, chocolate and blackberry fruit notes. It is perfumed, laced with smoky oak and hints at dried herbs. The palate is a lovely blend of maraschino cherry, smoke and dark cocoa but we felt the wine was capable of delivering more. After the bottle has been opened a few hours the wine becomes rich and concentrated with early strawberry and cherry flavours complementing some undefined feral notes. The rich chocolate and berry fruit finish is finely balanced by some greener flavours. One to try now and cellar for later, it will reach its peak in about eight years time.

OTAGO DAILY TIMES

Charmian Smith. March 2011

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4 stars

Perfumed with hints of dark and red cherries, spice and coffee, this is a fresh, lively wine with nicely integrated layers of flavour and texture, dusty tannins and a crisp finish. Seresin's top pinot.