



RAUPO CREEK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2007

THE GOOD WINE GUIDE 2011

Nick Stock, November 2010

94 points

A very engaging pinot with distinctively bright fragrance and lively purple-berry and cherry aromas, plenty of fine-ground spice and liting appeal. The palate's superb for the fresh-cut cherry and dark berry flavours, the fine, long and elegant tannins, and a lithe, bright, juicy acid line that runs from start to finish. Really complete wine.

STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE REVIEW

Stephen Tanzer, September 2010

91 points

Deep red. Cherry, cinnamon and oak on the very ripe nose, with a whiff of horseradish that quickly dissipated. Large-scaled, rich and broad, with sweet red fruit and earth flavors supported by underlying mineral spine. Spreads out impressively on the back end, finishing with spicy, dusty tannins and terrific length. This big boy remains just this side of over the top.

WINE ANORAK

Jamie Goode, March 2010

94 points

Beautifully aromatic plum, dark cherry, meat and spice nose with a lovely floral character. Complex, deep and beguiling. The palate is focused and concentrated with lovely meaty, spicy, dark cherry and raspberry fruit. Finishes spicy with some citrusy acidity. Expressive and concentrated with a slight wildness to it. Exciting.

WINE ORBIT

Sam Kim, October 2010

95 points, 5 stars

Grapes were grown on a gentle north-west-facing sloped vineyard, rich in clay, in the Omaka Valley. Fermented using indigenous yeasts then matured in French oak barriques (45% new) for 15 months before bottling in April 2009 without filtration. The bouquet is gloriously ripe and savoury exhibiting dark cherry, game, earth and nicely infused cedary oak characters. It's full and dense on the palate with velvety texture and plenty of ripe tannins. A powerful and opulent Pinot but the bright acidity provides both structure and refreshing finish. A beautifully woven wine showing fruit intensity as well as savoury complexity. At its best: now to 2017.

GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE

Bob Campbell MW, December 2010

96 points. 5 stars

Concentrated yet delicate wine showing surprising power and flavour length. Layers of cherry and berries, floral and savoury fruit flavours create a peacock's-tail effect on the finish. Very classy indeed.

MICHAEL COOPERS BUYERS GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND WINE 2011

Michael Cooper, 2011

4 stars

Grown on clay slopes in the Omaka Valley, the 2007 vintage is a single-vineyard wine, fermented with indigenous yeasts, matured for 15 months in French oak barriques (45 per cent new), and bottle unfiltered. Deeply coloured, it is sturdy, with deep cherry and slight herb flavours, showing good, savoury complexity, an earthy streak, and firm underlying tannins.