

96 ★★★★★

2013 Te Kairanga
John Martin Pinot Noir,
Martinborough, A\$48/NZ\$50

The most concentrated pinot noir in their range by a significant margin. The palate shows dark-fleshed plum, wood smoke, anise and toasty oak. It has a sumptuous texture and is remarkably elegant with real power. 🍷 10



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2012 Te Rehua By
Escarpment Pinot Noir,
Martinborough, A\$58/NZ\$62

A dense, appealing pinot noir with raspberry, plum, dried herb and mixed spice providing complexity. The wine has good weight and mouthfeel, with an almost chewy texture. It is very youthful with plenty of potential. 🍷 8



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2011 Ata Rangi Célèbre,
Martinborough, A\$45/NZ\$40

A blend of 63 per cent merlot, 27 per cent syrah and 10 per cent cabernet sauvignon, this is a rich, smooth red with ripe plum and dark berry flavours together with a seasoning of spicy oak. Bold, vibrant and moderately complex with good cellaring potential. 🍷 12



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2013 Felton Road
Bannockburn Pinot Noir,
Central Otago, A\$70/NZ\$59

Cherry, spice and an intriguing savoury character with a subtle suggestion of oak. It doesn't quite have the same concentration as the Block 3, but it certainly boasts a similarly smooth texture and shows a strong family identity. 🍷 9



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2011 BDX,
Martinborough, NZ\$45

An equal blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot. The wine derives aroma from the cabernet franc, structure from the cabernet sauvignon and rich, berry and plum fruitiness from the merlot. Elegant and powerful, it should age well. 🍷 10



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2011 Fromm Fromm
Vinyard Malbec, Marlborough,
A\$65/NZ\$55

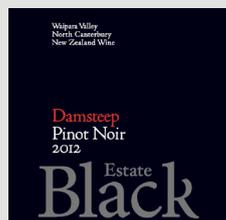
Dense, rich and powerful malbec with dark chocolate, mocha, coffee, dark berry and mixed spice flavours. A core of sweet fruit is balanced by juicy acidity and fine, ripe tannins. Very impressive wine with great cellaring potential. 🍷 10



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2012 Black Estate
Damsteep Pinot Noir, Waipara
Valley, A\$48/NZ\$42

This is a scented, supple pinot noir with black cherry, plum, wood smoke and a distinctive cut of chalky minerality. An elegant and appealing wine made in an accessible style but with obvious cellaring potential. 🍷 10



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2013 Gibbston Valley
School House Pinot Noir,
Central Otago, A\$65/NZ\$65

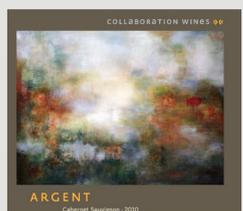
Aromatic pinot noir with intense blackberry, black cherry, plum, violet and cedar flavours, plus a hint of spice. A gutsy, powerful, firmly structured wine that is probably best with food and/or after a few years in bottle. 🍷 11



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2010 Collaboration
Wines Argent Cabernet
Sauvignon, Hawkes Bay, NZ\$45

Elegant cabernet sauvignon with classic blackberry, cassis and cedar flavours. Silken-textured red with fine, soft tannins providing a gentle backbone. Supple wine with a surprisingly lengthy finish. 🍷 10



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2012 Mount Michael
Bessie's Block Pinot Noir,
Central Otago, NZ\$60

A slightly more structured version of the regular label but with similar red fruits and savoury, spicy and floral characters. Impressive pinot noir with nicely layered flavour complexity and slightly firmer tannins. 🍷 10

