

ATA RANGI McCRONE PINOT NOIR 2019









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Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	13.5%
Grape:	100% Pinot Noir



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TASTING NOTES

Winery notes (2019 Vintage)

"Exquisite nose of rose petal, sweet raspberry and spice. Bold and juicy entry to the palate, with primary fruit combining with herbal and iron ore notes. There is a brooding, savoury note to the glossy and vibrant palate. The benefit of careful cellaring before release is showing in the suppleness and length of the tannins. Excellent release.

40% whole bunch with the remainder destemmed, fermentation by indigenous yeasts. Total tank time 15-23 days. After pressing, complete malolactic ferment in oak. 11 months total in French oak (35% new), then blended and held for further 8 months prior to bottling.

McCrone vineyard is just around the corner from our home block but here the soils are remarkably different. Whilst the Martinborough Terrace is predominantly alluvial gravels, there is a compact seam of clay which threads its way across a section of the terrace, fanning out over the gravels and creating a cooling effect on the roots in the soil. The McCrone site catches this seam and delivers a distinctively different aroma and flavour profile than that of the Ata Rangi Pinot Noir. Smaller bunches and yields resulted in concentration and complexity, extra time in the cellar has allowed this wine to evolve beautifully."

97/100 James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com (2019 Vintage)

"A firm and linear red with polished and tight tannins that are well-formed giving this serious focus. It's medium-bodied with a racy sensitivity and length. Chewy classic way. Long and framed. Just a baby. Just like it was on release. Drink or hold."



Rated Outstanding & 96+/100 Cameron Douglas MS, March 2024 (2019 Vintage)

"Complex, new, vibrant and developing, a bouquet filled with scents of red cherry and plum, a mineral rich clay soil quality, bracken and roses. Delicious on the palate with a firm fine tannins texture, an abundance of acidity and taut mouthfeel. A wine still in the throws of youth with a quiver of texture and vibrato. As the wine opens out on the palate the flavours remain persistent and constant, the mouthfeel becomes a little chalkier and textured as the structure builds. Core fruit flavours of red berries and plum, a lovely example that will age gracefully. Best drinking likely from 2027 through 2039. Fantastic value!"

96/100 Lisa Cardelli, WinePilot.com (2019 Vintage)

"This vineyard is located 400 metres from the winery, with soil presenting a layer of clay through to the alluvial gravel. There is a strong umami character here, which I have partially seen in some of the previous wines, but in this particular case, it is rather apparent. Seaweed, soy sauce, and black olive tapenade, with ironstone and ferrous characters contributing to the interest of this wine. The length is impressive, thanks to its elevated acidity, which is just like a stream of fresh water going on and on and on. Think of when you wake up in the morning, throw some fresh water on your face; that is the kind of level of refreshment that I'm talking about. Pristine, translucent, balanced, and considering the amount of oxidation that this wine has gone through since the opening of the bottle (which happened the day before, in the morning), it's incredible how splendid it is, even more so because it can withstand the feared oxygen test so gracefully. Cheers to that."

5 Stars & 95/100 Stephen Wong MW, The Real Review (2019 Vintage)

"A little closed and woody presently but there is a perfumed, layered and almost lacy character within this red and black berried, floral and actually quite pretty wine. Mid-weight flavours on a light-weight frame, it is elegant, flowing and driven on the palate before concentrated flavours of savoury tomato and dried herb emerge and the wine expands and firms up towards the back. Very fine, detailed and persistently structural tannins provide scaffolding for the floral and berry notes to evolve into something deeper, more coffee-ish and mushroomy. Not an immediate blockbuster style but quietly powerful "

17.5/20 Julia Harding MW JancisRobinson.com, April 2025 (2019 Vintage)

"Mid bricky garnet. The aromas are deliciously on the cusp between red fruit and tertiary notes of undergrowth and still a lively stemmy freshness. Deliciously aromatic. More savoury, even a little earthy/leathery on the palate, but still with Pinot's red fruits. Long finish. Ageing gracefully thanks to freshness, pure fruit and super-fine yet present tannins. Underlying power with a fragrant overlay. Dry and elegant."

94/100 Erin Larkin, RobertParker.com, The Wine Advocate, December 2023 (2019 Vintage)

"The 2019 McCrone Vineyard Pinot Noir leads with coffee grounds and star anise, hints of bone broth and black cherry. In the mouth, the wine is really starting to hit straps. At four years of age, it is still emerging from its inchoate youth, but it is already showing such expressive vibrancy. The 40% whole bunch is sitting so nicely within the structure and profile now."

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