

NZ Wine Rater Pinot Noir tasting September 2021

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2019 Escarpment Kupe Pinot Noir - 96 points

2019 Escarpment Pinot Noir - 95 points

2019 Te Rehua - 94 points



Escarpment Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2019

Winery: Escarpment Winery Ltd

R.R.P.: \$49.00

Tasting: Pinot Noir, September 2021

Our Thoughts:

Boasting a powerful, heady bouquet with cassis, crushed black-cherry skins, baking spices along with a strong, wild, herbal note, and milk chocolate oak characters. Full-bodied, tasty, powerfully-structured wine with rich, mouth-filling tannin but plenty of fruit weight, savoury complexity, and a long finish. A classically structured wine that should deliver much drinking pleasure for years to come.



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Score
96



Escarpment Kupe Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2019

Winery: Escarpment Winery Ltd

R.R.P.: \$115.00

Tasting: Pinot Noir, September 2021

Our Thoughts:

Wow, beautiful. An intense, powerful, luxurious wine on the nose with ripe, dark, cherry fruit, haunting whole-bunch/undergrowth herbal complexity, and opulent creamy, vanilla oak all adding to the mix. A rich, powerfully structured, statement wine with a core of sappy, concentrated pinot-stem richness, and layers of flavour. The firm, chewy, mouth-coating tannins, and dark chocolate, toasty, vanilla oak characters will need time to soften, and integrate but this wine seems to have it all.

Score
94



Escarpment Te Rehua Pinot Noir

Vintage: 2019

Winery: Escarpment Winery Ltd

R.R.P.: \$85.00

Tasting: Pinot Noir, September 2021

Our Thoughts:

Boasting a very intense, funky, complex, sulphide-influenced nose with lifted, wild berry, coffee bean, and smoky fire ember aromas. A potent, structured wine with rich, powerful mouth-filling tannins. It's clearly very youthful and needs time in the bottle but the level of concentration and the way the wine opens up in the glass suggest it's all there for the long haul.