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WINES of the YEAR

From classic claret to Aussie

NEW ZEALAND

Pinot Noir

(tasted for September 2008 issue)

New Zealand may have a word-class reputation but this tasting showed that the country's Pinots are perhaps not as reliable as we think. The highs were very good, with seven Awards and 16 four-star wines, with the best displaying delicately scented cherry fruit and ripe tannins. Martinborough and Waipara were the two regional stars, while the more-established Marlborough was inconsistent, fielding many overdeveloped wines. New Zealand Pinot *can* be up with the best in the world – but you have to choose carefully.

Decanter Award ★★★★★



SCHUBERT

Block B

2006

PINOT NOIR

WAIRARAPA

NEW ZEALAND



Schubert, Block B, Martinborough 2006

Dense, rich, ripe aromas of red cherries and vanilla. Integrated oak with silky fruit tannins. Aromatic finish, fresh acidity. Complex. From 2008.

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