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Schubert Wairarapa Pinot Noir Block B 2015

A mix of clones from a unique site, but the winemaking remains the same between this and the Marion's Vineyard, pretty much. Around 45% new oak for maturation, with fermentation in stainless steel. Serious wines from Kai Schubert and family, typically showing the more powerful positions pinot noir can take.

Strong bouquet of sandalwood and freshly lathed cedar mingling with dark cherry, kirsch, raspberry liquorice scents, but the sum is quite mellow and seductive. The palate is firm with wood spice and sinewy tannins, but again, dark berry fruit, kirsch-like booze soaked walnut flavours emerge. It's quite long in flavour, palate staining in a way, the powerful side of pinot noir with the whole raft of seasoning applied. Quite impressive in its way, though the oak does labour the wine a little.

Importer: Whole Bunch Wines

Rated: 92 Points
Tasted: MAY17
Alcohol: 14%
Price: \$80
Closure: Cork
Drink: 2017 - 2025

