

Decanter

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New Zealand Pinot Noir

This challenging grape variety produces myriad styles across this small country, says Bob Campbell MW. The one constant is that quality is continually improving

The scores

172 wines tasted

Outstanding

7

Highly Recommended

34

Recommended

75

Commended

43

Fair

11

Poor

2

The judges

Melanie Brown



Driven by the desire to highlight New Zealand's most exciting producers, Brown played a fundamental role in transforming the wine list of chef Peter Gordon's The

Providores and Tapa Room in London into the largest offering of premium New Zealand wine in the UK. From this she established her own wine retailer, The New Zealand Cellar, followed by a wine bar and shop in Brixton.

Christine Parkinson



Parkinson started her career as a head chef, gaining responsibility for 39 restaurants. She then decided to follow her passion for wine and, in 2001, created the first wine list for chef Alan Yau's

Hakkasan Group in London. She is a regular judge at wine competitions and has been called 'one of the most creative wine buyers in the UK' by Jancis Robinson MW.

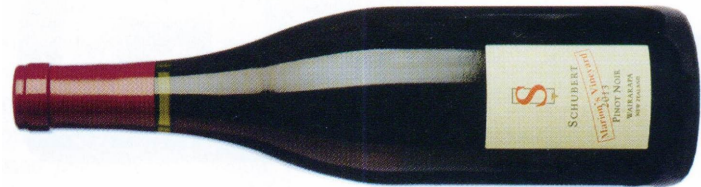
Phillip Tuck MW



Tuck MW has been in the wine business for 30 years, starting straight out of university in 1986 at Aversy in Bristol. He then worked for wineries in countries including South Africa,

New Zealand, Australia, USA, Chile and Italy. He returned to the UK in 1994 to help set up UK wine agency Hatch Mansfield and he became a Master of Wine in 1999.

Outstanding 95-97pts



Schubert, Marions Vineyard, Martinborough 2013

95 MB 95 CP 95 PT 95
£28.95-£29.95 AC Gallie, Ellis Wines, Love Wine, New Zealand House of Wine, Vincognito

Schubert makes two flagship Pinot Noir labels: the more structured Block B and this more approachable, but no less intense wine. It's made from just two Pinot Noir clones: the Pommard clone and so-called Abel clone which is rumoured to have been taken from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti's La Tâche vineyard and is exclusive to New Zealand. From a top vintage and made with an eye on quality from vineyard to bottle, this wine is a true expression of vineyard.

MB Bewitching floral purity on the nose. Impressive depth of character which is enhanced by well-managed oak that is beautifully integrated with the silky tannins to give a fresh, elegant finish.

CP Café au lait notes are woven around cooked damson flavours, giving a round, supple wine. The tannins are fleshy and gorgeously smooth.

PT Lusciously deep, mineral and attractive. A core fruit structure and superbly integrated oak tannins. Great attitude, confidence and poise.

Drink 2016-2017 Alc 14.5%

