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Passion for Pinot

Burgundy 2018 & New World stars

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Out of about 100 single vineyard Pinot Noir from the New World only 7 achieve an

Exceptional/Outstanding rating...

we are very happy the Schubert Pinot Noir Block B is one of them.

NEW WORLD SINGLE-VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Burgundy dreamers? Many winemakers beyond Europe now have the know-how and the quality of fruit to produce Pinot Noirs that truly reflect their own local terroirs, says **Dirceu Vianna Junior MW**

THE JUDGES

James Doidge



Doidge has been involved in the wine trade for his entire career. In 2002 he became managing director and buyer for The Wine Treasury, a London-based importer specialising in New World wineries, with a particular focus on partnerships with top producers in California, Oregon and Washington State.

Roger Jones



Jones owns award-winning restaurant The Harrow at Little Bedwyn, together with his wife Sue. Both a wine critic and Michelin-starred chef, he frequently visits Australia to promote food and wine pairing, and set up The Tri Nations Wine Challenge to promote wines from South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

Dirceu Vianna Junior MW



Originally from Brazil, Vianna studied forest engineering and law, before moving to London, where he began to work in the wine trade in 1990. In 2008, he became the first South American male to obtain the title Master of Wine. He now works as a wine writer, educator, technical consultant and competition judge.

OUTSTANDING 95-97pts



Schubert, Block B, Wairarapa, New Zealand 2016

95 JD 94 RJ 96 DVJ 95

£34.60-£39 Ellis Wines, Exel, The Secret Cellar

Run by Geisenheim graduates Kai Schubert and Marion Deimling, Schubert has 14ha of vines in and near to Martinborough, closely planted in the traditional, European style. Block B is a selection from Dijon Pinot Noir clones, with hand-picked grapes 100% destemmed and left on skins for three weeks during fermentation in stainless steel. The wine is aged in 45% new French oak barriques for 18 months.

JD Meaty, spicy aromas with a minty palate: concentrated and complex, combining sweet cherry fruit with classic earthy and mushroom notes, and a mere touch of vanilla. Herbal, savoury, earthy, with a decent finish.

RJ Bright aromatic perfumed nose, cherry fruit on the palate with great intensity and layers of texture. Fruit and then unmistakable flavours of Martinborough, long and lingering. A stunning wine.

DVJ Persuasive, attractive, inviting nose. Juicy and elegant with lovely purity of fruit, a hint of savoury complexity and persistent finish.

Drink 2021-2028 Alc 14.5% ➤