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2017 Schubert Block B

A Pinot Noir from Wairarapa, New Zealand

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robertparker.com, April 2020

by Joe Czerwinski

Drink 2020—2026

“Schubert's 2017 Block B Pinot Noir is a fine effort, boasting seductive dark aromas of cola, spice, vanilla, black cherries and mulberries. It's full-bodied, supple and velvety on the palate, with a slowly unravelling thread of complexity on the lingering finish. It spent 18 months in 45% new French oak but isn't overly marked by wood or structure. For drinking over the next 5-6 years, it will be hard to beat.”



2017 Marion's Vineyard

A Pinot Noir from Wairarapa, New Zealand

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“The 2017 Marion's Vineyard Pinot Noir features attractive cherry and raspberry aromas kissed by hints of cedar and spice from the 35% new French oak. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, round and silky in feel but somehow a bit fragile at the same time, with the fruit giving way to oak on the finish. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.”



2016 Schubert Syrah

A Syrah from Wairarapa, New Zealand

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Drink 2020—2030

“Schubert's 2016 Syrah spent three years in 35% new French oak, which accounts for it being the current release in early 2020. Yes, there are considerable cedary overtones, but they in no way detract from the vibrant peppery aromas or vibrant cherry fruit. One might even argue that they add a dark-earthy, savory note to this medium to full-bodied wine, which features a rich, velvety texture on the palate that slowly fades to a soft dustiness on the lingering finish. **One of the region's best Syrahs to date**, it should drink well for at least a decade.”



2018 Schubert Sauvignon Blanc

A Sauvignon Blanc from Wairarapa, NZ

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Drink 2020—2021

“Fermented and matured in a mix of oak and stainless steel vessels, Schubert's 2018 Sauvignon Blanc boasts wonderfully pristine fruit flavors, with notes of pink grapefruit, tangerine and nectarine. It's medium-bodied and attractively plump, yet with a fine line of ripe acidity that lingers on the finish. It seems quite different from—and better than—the 2017 version.”