



# Ata Rangi 'Mc Crone' Pinot Noir

2014



Nieuw Zeeland heeft officieel 2 'grand cru' domeinen, Ata Rangi en ook Felton Road. Ata Rangi is reeds méér dan 35 jaar de referentie voor Pinot Noir in Nieuw-Zeeland. De eerste wijngaarden die werden aangeplant waren scheutjes van het wereldbepaalde Domaine de la Romanée Conti, die men binnengesmokkeld had. Ata Rangi betekent 'Nieuw Begin' of ook 'Dageraad hemel'. Eigenaar-wijnmaker Clive Paton mag vandaag de dag aanzien worden als de pionier van de Martinborough-regio. Nee, meer nog, van Nieuw Zeeland en zeker wat betreft Pinot Noir. Inmiddels wordt hij bijgestaan door de zéér getalenteerde sympathieke wijnmaakster Helen Masters. Zij werd in 2019 verkozen tot Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine's New Zealand Winemaker of the Year. Pure, weelderige en tegelijk bijzonder elegante Pinot Noir-expressie zoals er in de wereld weinig te vinden zijn, werkelijk magistraal. Ook de Chardonnay getuigd van grote klasse. Bourgogne liefhebber, laat u verrassen, u zult niet teleurgesteld zijn, net als de vele wijnmakers in Bourgogne waarmee we flessen uitwisselen.



**Land:** New Zealand

**Streek:** Martinborough

**Samenstelling:** 100% Pinot Noir

**95 Recensies**

#### **Sam Kim | Wine Orbit: 98/100**

*A magnificent, cellar-aged pinot; the bouquet is totally seductive, displaying spiced plum, dark cherry, game, truffle and cedar characters, followed by a silky-smooth palate that is multi-layered and impressively weighted, while remaining exquisitely elegant and harmonious. The wine offers fabulous fruit purity together with alluring savoury complexity, making it irresistibly delicious. At its best: now to 2026. \$75.00. [www.atarangi.co.nz](http://www.atarangi.co.nz). June 2018.*

#### **Cameron Douglas: 97/100**

*Complex and alluring bouquet of Pinot Noir led by aromas of stony minerality, a steely haunting layer amidst aromas of red berries and red apple; then vanilla and sweet oak scents. Dry, complex and equally alluring on the palate with layers of dried herb, stony earthy flavours, firm youthful tannins and acidity to match. The core of red berry fruits brings all the elements together into a long and complex finish. Overall balance still to arrive, this wine needs more time please.*

#### **Bob Campbell: 96/100**

*Quite a dense, savoury pinot noir with cherry, berry, dried herb, stemmy, floral, violet, mixed spice and anise flavours. It makes a bold statement. A firmly-structured wine with obvious cellaring potential*

#### **James Suckling : 95/100**



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*A powerful pinot with deep-set darker cherry and plum fruits, sappy and spicy fresh forest aromas. Pomegranate and ripe dark-fleshed peaches add plenty of interest. The palate has a deep, luscious and spicy feel to it with plenty of rich and ripe cherry fruits on offer. This carries a bold ball of tannins in a polished but dense mode. Drink now and for several years to come.*

**Gourmet Traveller:**

*The two-and-a-half hectare McCrone Vineyard was planted in 2001 with Abel, Clone 5 and Dijon clones 115 and 777. This is the fourth release (other vintages are 2008, 2009 and 2011). Dense, rich, flavour-packed pinot noir with black-fleshed plum, spice, floral and a strong savoury/stemmy character that might derive from the use of 30 per cent whole bunches in the fermentation. A complex and powerful wine with cellaring potential.*

**Parker: 92+/100**

*Like the 2014 Pinot Noir, the 2014 McCrone Vineyard Pinot Noir is a bit leafier in character than the other vintages. It's crisp, linear and tightly wound, with tart cherry fruit balancing the wine's ample weight and richness.*

**Raymond Chan: 19/20**

*Dark, deep ruby-red colour. The bouquet is intensely deep with complex secondary notes, the nose showing bold, savoury dark red berry fruits with dried herbs, whole bunch stalk lift and nuances of undergrowth. Full-bodied on palate, this has weight and power, with depth and concentration. The fruit is sweetly rich with savoury dark-red berry, cherry and plum notes with dark and dried herbs, stalk elements, and nuances of game and undergrowth. The extraction and structure is considerable, and the acidity balanced and integrated. A fulsome and complex wine already.*

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**The Winefront : 96/100**

*I did a quick tasting of twenty or so Martinborough Pinot Noir... and the venue was the McCrone House, which sits inside the McCrone Vineyard. So I walked outside into the vines to finish the tasting. Dried flower perfume, dried cherry, sappy orange peel. Pow pow powerful, with a bitterness and dark chocolate flavour in with brighter perfumed fruit, chinotto and tannin push the finish out. Really like this. Has an X-factor, a bit of chutzpah, that sets it apart from the pack.*

**Gourmet Traveller: 18.5/20**

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