



ROCKBURN

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erobertparker.com rates Rockburn 2007 Pinot Noir

Following a visit to New Zealand in January this year, Neal Martin of Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate* has awarded a 91/100 rating for the Rockburn 2007 Pinot Noir.

On the Robert Parker scale, a score of 91 indicates "an outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines."

After visiting with winemaker Malcolm Rees-Francis and tasting the Rockburn range – including a barrel sample of the 2007 Pinot Noir – Neal Martin commented:

"A barrel sample of the 2007 Pinot Noir shows great promise. Luscious fruit on the nose with doris plum and briery, a sense of minerality that I did not pick up on either the 2006. The palate is medium bodied, very supple and clean with a harmonious finish."

Says Rees-Francis, "Obviously we are delighted with such a coveted rating, particularly for what was only a barrel sample and also given the remarkably high standard of Pinot Noir coming out of New Zealand.

"Now that this wine is bottled and available on the domestic – and some international – markets, we are hopeful that such positive responses will continue."

First published in 1978, *The Wine Advocate* now has a profound effect on both prices and market demand for fine wines around the world. Robert Parker is described as "the most influential wine critic in the world."

Neal Martin joined *The Wine Advocate* as a contributor in 2006. His eagerly awaited article and enthusiastic review on NZ wines is now available to subscribers on www.erobertparker.com.

RRP: \$NZ 43.00

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