

# Misha's

VINEYARD



## MISHA'S VINEYARD 'THE STARLET' SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021



**94 POINTS** "Wonderful aromas of sliced lemons, lime and slate with gunpowder. Medium- to full-bodied. Some white peaches, too. Energetic and focused finish. Some aniseed. Drink now."

JAMES SUCKLING



**95/100 OUTSTANDING** "Lovely concentration and power with aromas of sweet citrus and white flowers, fresh delicate green herb layer, plenty of stony minerality and a moment of cape gooseberry. There's a tickle of sweetness as the wine touches the palate, which is quickly replaced by tension and crispness, a vibrant acid line then core of fruit. Flavours of citrus and lemongrass, a moment of tangerine and then angelica. Mouthwatering, a whisper of saline and gooseberry on the finish. Very modern with excellent drinking from 2022 through 2028+."

CAMERON DOUGLAS MS, NOV. 2021

[www.camdouglasms.com](http://www.camdouglasms.com)

**95/100** "Bright, even, pale straw-yellow. The wine is vigorous on the nose, packed with aromas of pineapple, lime and honeydew melon, interweave nettle and white spice. Medium-full bodied, concentrated aromas of pineapple, lime and an underlay of honeydew melon, entwined with verbena, nettle and a hint of spice. The fruit is ripe with a strong lime and acid tension core, persist on a powdery-textured mouthfeel and a refreshing finish. This Sauvignon Blanc shows a sense of the vintage brilliantly with concentrated fruit, vigorous yet calm acidity and a flavoursome, lengthy finish. Match with pan-fried flatfish and pork katsu over the next 4-5 years. Handpicked fruit, gentle skin contact for few hours then whole bunch pressed to tank, 54% inoculated in stainless steel tank, the remaining wild fermented in older French oak barrels, 14% alc, 5 g/1RS. 19-/20 pts (95 pts)."

CANDICE CHOW, NOV 2021

[www.raymondchantwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchantwinereviews.co.nz)

**93/100 ★★★★★ 5 STARS** "Bright and fabulously fresh, the bouquet shows Granny Smith apple, nectarine, kiwifruit and white floral aromas with a hint of flinty complexity. The brilliantly focused palate delivers youthful fruit intensity together with fine texture and juicy acidity, finishing persistent and crisp-dry. Varietally expressive and highly enjoyable. At its best: now to 2028."

SAM KIM, WINE ORBIT, NOV 2021

[www.wineorbit.com](http://www.wineorbit.com)

**4 STARS ★★★★★** "The 2021 vintage (4\*) was estate-grown at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin. Hand-picked, it was mostly handled in tanks, but 46 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in old French oak casks. Ripely scented, it is mouthfilling, with passionfruit/lime flavours, showing very good depth, delicacy and complexity, fresh acidity and a smooth (5 grams/litre of residual sugar) finish. Best drinking mid-2022+."

MICHAEL COOPER, BUYER'S GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND WINES, DEC 2021