

# SAM KIM, WINE ORBIT - FEBRUARY 2020

#### Valli Gibbston Vineyard Pinot Gris 2018: 5 Stars, 94 Points



Youthfully charming and elegantly fragrant, the wine shows nectarine, fresh pear, orange peel and floral aromas on the nose, followed by a succulent palate that's fleshy and lingering. It's wonderfully composed with lovely vibrant fruit intensity together with fine texture and bright acidity, finishing impressively long and delightfully dry. At its best: now to 2024.

#### Valli Waitaki Vineyard Riesling 2019: 5 Stars, 95 Points



Pristine and invigorating, the beautifully lifted bouquet shows crunchy apple, lemon peel, lime sorbet and floral characters. It's brilliantly focused and concentrated on the palate, delivering linear mouthfeel and whispering sweetness, splendidly structured by perfectly pitched acidity. It's sleek and tantalising with elegance as well as substance and awesome presence. At its best: 2022 to 2032.

### Valli Bannockburn Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018: 5 Stars, 97 Points



Combining richness with refinement, this stunning pinot shows dark berry characters on the nose with nuances of anise, toasted nut and floral. It's wonderfully concentrated and weighty on the palate, delivering terrific fruit intensity with stylish oak infusion, beautifully framed by silky tannins. A complete package offering upfront appeal as well as potential to evolve graciously. At its best: 2022 to 2030.

#### Valli Gibbston Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018: 5 Stars, 96 Points



This is gorgeously fragrant, inviting and seductive with a sense of restraint. The wine shows dark cherry, raspberry, floral, subtle spice, almond and olive characters on the nose with a hint of truffle complexity. The palate delivers beautifully rounded mouthfeel and lovely weight, together with fine, elegant flow, backed by juicy acidity and polished tannins. It's wonderfully proportioned and balanced with a lengthy engaging finish. At its best: 2022 to 2030.

#### Valli Bendigo Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018: 5 Stars, 97 Points



Offering opulence with sophistication, it's immediately appealing on the nose showing sweet cherry, Black Doris plum, toasted spice and cedar with a light dusting of dark cocoa. The palate displays excellent concentration and plush texture, while remaining vibrant and structured with multi-layered mouthfeel and seamlessly integrated tannins. At its best: 2021 to 2030.

## Valli Waitaki Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018: 5 Stars, 96 Points



It's fabulously perfumed and captivating on the nose, showing dark plum, spiced cherry, floral, dried herb and cedar characters, leading to a deeply flavoured palate that displays outstanding depth and persistency. The wine offers beautiful ripe berry flavours with stylish oak and spicy/savoury undertones, gorgeously complemented by fine, grainy tannins, making it immensely appealing. At its best: 2022 to 2030.