



**Sam Kim**

**Monte Christo Winery Rosé of Pinot Noir 2023: 94 Points, 5 Stars**

This is instantly appealing on the nose with pomegranate, red apple, apricot and floral aromas, leading to a lively palate that's succulent and lingering. Splendidly structured by bright acidity, making it super tasty and highly enjoyable.

**Monte Christo Winery Pinot Gris 2023: 93 Points, 5 Stars**

It's finely scented on the nose, showing poached pear, lemon pith, crunchy apple and white floral nuances, leading to a brilliantly focused palate offering fine texture backed by bright acidity, finishing structured and lingering.

**Monte Christo Winery Chardonnay 2022: 95 Points, 5 Stars**

Gorgeously poised and complex, the wine shows white flesh nectarine, lemon zest, oatmeal, nougat and cashew notes on the nose. The palate delivers excellent concentration and refined texture, wonderfully framed by creamy mouthfeel and juicy acidity, finishing impressively long and linear.

**Monte Christo Winery Pinot Noir 2022: 95 Points, 5 Stars**

Splendidly fruited and complex, the fragrant bouquet shows dark plum, floral, thyme, cured meat and roasted hazelnut aromas, followed by a wonderfully expressive palate that's ripe and supple. Harmonious and structured with layers of fine-grained tannins, finishing long and satisfying.

**Monte Christo Winery Alexandra Pinot Noir 2022: 96 Points, 5 Stars**

Pristine and vibrant, yet with power and opulence, it's seductively fragrant on the nose with dark cherry, dried herb, charcuterie, cedar and warm spice aromas. The concentrated palate exhibits terrific depth and plush texture, wonderfully framed by beautifully melded tannins, finishing impressively long and gratifying.

**Monte Christo Winery Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2022: 95 Points, 5 Stars**

Gorgeously composed and elegantly expressed, the wine shows dark berry, olive, dried mushroom and toasted nut aromas on the nose. The palate delivers silky flow combined with finely infused tannins, making it structured and refined at the same time. Delightfully charming with a persistent engaging finish. At its best: 2025 to 2036. \$80.00.  
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**CENTRAL Pinot Noir 2022: 94 Points, 5 Stars**

Wonderfully fruited and inviting on the nose, showing dark cherry, game, rich floral and roasted nut aromas, followed by a beautifully weighted palate offering succulent fruit flavours with silky texture and rounded tannins, making it flavoursome and immediately appealing. At its best: now to 2030. \$45.00. [www.montechristowinery.co.nz](http://www.montechristowinery.co.nz). Feb 2024.