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**2013 Ram's Gate Pinot Noir Bush Crispo Vineyard – 95 Points**

“Wonderfully deep and especially keen in very pure, ripe cherry fruit and taking on added interest by way of its deftly placed highlights of dusty roses, sweet hardwoods and crème brûlée in the nose, this exceptionally well-composed opus fully lives up to promise once in the mouth. It is long and layered with a tactile suggestion of velvet on entry but shows the fruity vigor and the firm underbelly of a Pinot Noir meant for keeping, and we see it impressing more and more as the next half-dozen years pass.”

-Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine

**2013 Ram's Gate Pinot Noir Silver Eagle Vineyard – 93 Points**

“This very solid and impressively extracted Pinot Noir earns very high marks for its deep and defined fruit and higher ones yet for its outstanding structure. It proves that ripeness and balance are in no way contradictory, and, if a little too rich for those who embrace the belief that less is more, it will more than satisfy the rest of us. It is tight and mildly minerally at one moment and slightly juicy at the next, and its driving fruit stays in control to the end. As involving as it is now, it mimics its cellarmates in asking for age, and at least a half-decade of certain improvement lies ahead.”

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**2013 Ram's Gate Pinot Noir Carneros – 91 Points**

“Very much in the Ram's Gate fold insofar as it is deeply fruited and nicely balanced with fine Pinot Noir texture and the kind of careful structure of an eminently age-worthy wine, this one gets an extra nod of appreciation for being an over-achiever at the price. It is just a touch closed-in at the moment yet has all of the right pieces in place, and its light trim of finishing tannin does nothing to distract from its vital, very long-lasting fruit. It will not disappoint if poured in the near term, but we strongly encourage at least a few years of patience here.”

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**2013 Ram's Gate Estate Pinot Noir – 90 Points**

“This nicely made, intensely aromatic young wine backs away from the concentration and extract shown by its meatier mates and keys on very keen, deceptively deep, black cherry fruit that stays the course from beginning to end. It is not a powerful wine, yet it is solidly structured and its careful match of muscle and fruity strength tags it as one well worth the four or five years of waiting that its splendid balance commends.”

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**2013 Ram's Gate Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard – 90 Points**

“The lightest and most graceful Pinot Noir of the Ram's Gate contingent but still a wine of considerable richness and depth, this one smacks lightly of slightly cooler origins and shows a mix of youthful tightness and ample ripeness at once. There is less in the way of immediate juiciness at work here, but there is plenty of fruity flesh on the wine's firmer bones, and we are not at all hesitant about calling for another three or four years of age with confidence that its ripe/tight contradictions will be wholly resolved over time.”

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