



Longplay

2011 Longplay Pinot Noir Lia's Vineyard Jory Bench Reserve

91 From two decade-old, un-grafted Pommard plus around 19% Wadenswil and a smidgeon of Mariafeld vines on his property, Hansen's 2011 Pinot Noir Lia's Vineyard Jory Bench Reserve – like its “regular” counterpart – was raised exclusively in older barriques, and projects a cherry pie-like, sweet-tart fruit personality with yeasty overtones and considerable textural richness of a wine whose finish ends up being almost blazingly bright. Overtones of kirsch and almond extract as well as a subtly, marrow undertone of salted meat stock add to the mouthwatering savor of a juicy, buoyant Pinot that practically bursts with invigorating brightness. I suspect this will tone-down slightly and to good effect with some time in bottle and merit following through at least 2018, and hopefully longer.

- David Schildknecht