



Longplay

2011 Longplay Pinot Noir Lia's Vineyard

90 Informed by three Dijon clones along with Pommard, Wadenswil and even a significant share of Mariafeld, Longplay's 2011 Pinot Noir Lia's Vineyard delivers a cherry pie-like amalgam of lightly-cooked, tart-edged fruit tinged with salted caramel and offering yeasty and smoky black tea overtones in an enveloping and richly-textured performance. It finishes with bracing brightness and invigorating piquancy of cherry pit – a bit rustically, even raucously but impressively. I suspect this fine value will achieve greater harmony with some time in bottle and it should certainly merit following through at least 2016.

- **David Schildknecht**