



TASTING NOTE

2017 'OLD VINE' PINOT MEUNIER

The Millers Burgundy vineyard, first planted in 1867, is made up of mostly Pinot Meunier and a little Pinot Noir. This unique vineyard block is treated with meticulous care and in good vintages this block is made into a 'single block' wine. The grapes are handpicked and hand sorted, hand plunged in open vats and aged in French oak barrels.

The Best's Old Vine Pinot Meunier is the ultimate wine that speaks of place and it has a cult following, particularly in the wine community and the trade where people understand how rare this varietal planting is. This decade, Best's Great Western 'Old Vine' Pinot Meunier has been made in 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016 and 2017. In other years the fruit goes into the Best's Great Western "Young Vine" Pinot Meunier or the Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir Blend.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Pinot Meunier
Alcohol	12.5%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Deep crimson with a ruby hue.
Bouquet	Dried rose petal and culinary spices form part of a deep scented aroma.
Palate	Glacé cherries with savoury spicy notes bond in a harmonious marriage with the lingering velvet structure. Try it with dried morel mushrooms rehydrated in melted Irish butter, tossed with a dash of cream and homemade pappardelle pasta.
Cellaring	This wine is beginning to reveal its charms, yet the old vines of Pinot Meunier typically produce wines that develop complexity yet retain their freshness for 20 years or more.
Vintage	Fantastic winter rains set the vineyards up for ideal spring growing conditions that saw great flowering and fruit set. The mild summer conditions and long ripening period (with some timely small rain events) ensured that the fruit matured in near perfect conditions for harvest. A vintage that has more resemblance to those of the 80s and 90s than the vintages of this century.

