



TASTING NOTE

2019 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 hand-picked, hand sorted and 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

Growing Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Varieties	Pinot Meunier
Alcohol	13.0 %
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Bright mid crimson with a pale vermillion hue
Bouquet	A heady perfume of primary fruits, dried cranberries, cherries and freshly ground spices. Intriguing and beguiling.
Palate	Concentrated and dense, but light bodied. The fruit flavours are layered with spices and framed with silky tannins. Good to drink in the short term but it will reward cellaring in ideal conditions for 20 years or more
Vintage	A warm, dry growing season meant the vines ripened quickly and crops were lower than average. Sufficient water supply ensured the grapevines remained in good health and some February rain gave the vines a well-deserved drink and freshened them up before the grapes were harvested.



AWARDS & REVIEWS

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THE REAL REVIEW – NICK BUTLER – March 2020

Translucent red colour with clear edges. A distinctly fragrant nose of rose petals, musk, red and black cherries. So much to love. Time open does it no harm. An earthy, anchoring note ticks in with several swirls of the glass – dried herbs and aniseed. Ethereal and haunting, red fruits continue to unfurl, with acidity tailored perfectly. A treasure. Drink now to 2030. **Rating: 97 points**

2021 HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION – August 2020

It's one thing to have seriously old vines, planted in 1868 by Henry Best, and quite another to have them metamorphose into a contemporary wine full of harmony and balance. Well here it is in all its beauty. Heady with florals aplenty, an array of Middle Eastern spices and mint with a delicacy on the palate, yet there's substance and detail too. A wine of finesse and elegance. Respect.

Rating: 97 points