



TASTING NOTE

2021 YOUNG VINE PINOT MEUNIER

This unique wine comes from our 'Young Vine' plantings of Pinot Meunier which were established in 1970- a century after our "old vine" plantings and grown from cuttings of those original vines.

Although eminently drinkable now, previous examples of this wine prove that it will age gracefully for many decades if cellared correctly.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region:	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety:	Pinot Meunier
Alcohol:	12.0 %
Winemaker:	Justin Purser

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Colour	Mid scarlet with rose hue.
Bouquet	Expressive aromas of fresh cherries, blood orange, toasted sourdough, and warm spices.
Palate	Crunchy red fruits with a smooth and slippery finish. Good to drink in the short term but it should age well for 10 years or more. Try it with seared tuna.
Vintage	An excellent season with near perfect growing conditions right through to harvest. Adequate winter and spring rainfalls set the wines up to burst into life and sustain beautifully balanced growth throughout the summer. Autumn was ideal with little rainfall and warm conditions to ensure the grapes matured gracefully.





AWARDS AND REVIEWS

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John Lewis – Canberra Times, April 2022 – Best's Meunier excels

Meunier is in many Australian sparklers, but rare as a straight table red. Exceptions are Best's Great Western reds from Victoria's Grampians area. Best's first pinot meunier plantings were made in 1868 and this Young Vine is from vines planted in 1970. It is available at Cellar and bottle shops and has 12 per cent alcohol, ruby red hues, rose petal aromas and vibrant raspberry front – palate flavour. Bramble jelly, blueberry, spice and mocha oak show on the middle palate and the finish has smooth earth tannins. Great for coq au vin. *4.5 stars out of 6*

Halliday Wine Companion 2023 – Jeni Port, April 2022

Hand-picked fruit, fermented in open-top fermenters with 25% whole bunches, basket pressed to French barriques (10% new), matured 8 months in barrel. Young is always a relative term at Best's – these 'young vines' were planted in 1971. An English Garden of arresting aromatic scents, of violets, cranberry, cherry, plum, anise and sage. As always, quietly complex and fleshy, finishing firm in the embrace of fine tannins. Welcomes more time in bottle, as long as you might have.

Rating: **GOLD – 95 points**

The Real Review – Huon Hooke, April 2022

Medium red/purple colour. Attractive, intense spice, red cherry and raspberry aromas, a certain fruit bonbon aspect, while the palate is light-bodied and has a touch of tannin that puts it in a more serious, savoury bracket than some young meuniers. A deliciously slurpable light red.

Drink now to 2029 **Rating: 91 points**

WineFront – Gary Walsh, April 2022

The 'young vine' Pinot Meunier is from 1970 plantings. I'm glad that's still considered 'young'. These PM wines are, at least for me, so much better and more distinctive than Shiraz.

What a delight. Light and feathery, cranberry, strawberry and dusty spice. It's fresh, vibrant, crisp and sappy, maybe a little aniseed in the mix, peppery tannin and dry crunch, with a bright finish of vigour and length. Delightful. Such a good and distinctive wine. More please.

Drink now to 2030 **Rating: 94 points**