



TASTING NOTE

2021 OLD VINE PINOT MEUNIER

The Millers Burgundy vineyard, first planted in 1868, 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 vineyard' 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. In the past decade, Best's Great Western 'Old Vine' Pinot Meunier has been made in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2020. 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	12.0 %
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Bright crimson with a scarlet hue
Bouquet	Deeply scented with red cherries, warm earth, grilled nuts, fresh pastries and dried flowers all in the mix.
Palate	Intense, brooding and focused. Plush red fruits with savoury and silky tannins. The core remains for a long finish. Still very young and it needs time to express its full potential. Drink in the next 2 to 20 years. Try it with Vitello Tonnato.
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.





REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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Halliday Wine Companion – Jeni Port, April 2022

Hand-picked fruit fermented in small, open-top fermenter with 25% whole bunches, basket pressed to French barriques (25% new), matured 8 months in oak. Sourced from the original 1868 plantings of pinot meunier. Prepare yourself for an exquisite beauty of a wine. It enjoys an effortless purity of fruit; from aroma to palate there's a delicacy of concentrated red berries, pomegranate, violet, dusty earth, underbrush, and dried herbs. Superfine across the palate, almost sinewy at this early stage, but supported by firm, focused tannins for a lot more time in bottle. A lot more.

Rating: GOLD – 96 points

The Real Review – Huon Hooke, April 2022

Medium ruby colour with a good purple tinge. The bouquet has depth and savouriness, all about dried herbs, porcini mushrooms and peppery dried meat and bresaola. It is light-bodied but beautifully textured and supple, super-refined, with great drinkability and is already starting to show complexity. Long and satisfying in the mouth. A superb example of the grape. Drink now to 2036.

Rating: 96 points

WineFront – Gary Walsh, April 2022

The Millers Burgundy vineyard, first planted in 1868, is made up of mostly Pinot Meunier and a little Pinot Noir.

This is an incredible wine. Raspberry, cranberry, aniseed and white pepper, so crisp and vibrant, wonderful dusty peppery tannin. Intensity with so little weight, so much spice and perfume, fresh and dynamic, and so bloody individual. The finish is very long, blood orange and layers of spice. I love it. So good. What a wine! Drink now to 2033.

Rating: 96 points

Gourmet Traveller Wine Oct 22

From vines planted in 1868. Spice-laced aromas of red cherry, strawberry, pomegranate, blood orange and more. The texture is smoothly-honed, with an entrancing effortlessness and balance. Super fine, velvety tannins. Red cherry and blueberry fruits. Good drinking now +10 years. Nick Stock

James Suckling – October 2022

Red cherries, plums, dried oranges, sliced mushrooms and wet earth on the nose. It's medium-bodied with fine, silky tannins and a creamy texture. Earthy, spicy edge. Long and complex. Drink now or hold. **Rating: 94 points**