



TASTING NOTE

2022 GREAT WESTERN PINOT NOIR

The fruit for this wine comes from 1980 and 1987 Pinot Noir plantings in the Concongella vineyards, at Best's Great Western and the 1997 plantings at the elevated vineyard at Rhymney. The clones are Best's, MV6, D5V12 & D2V5.

Pinot Noir was first planted in the Nursery Block at Best's in the 1860's. It is believed that the origin of these vines was the James Busby collection, Australia's first vines. These Pinot Noir cuttings were sourced from some of the finest vineyards in Burgundy. The original Best's plantings are now thought to be the oldest Pinot Noir vines in the world, and one of these clones is thought to exist nowhere else in the world.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region:	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety:	Pinot Noir
Alcohol:	12.5%
Winemaker:	Jacob Parton

TASTING NOTES

Colour:	Deep crimson with a garnet hue.
Bouquet:	Initial cherry giving way to boiled red candy and earthy notes. A touch of cedar box and leaf, becoming more perfumed the longer it is opened.
Palate:	Light and bright with initial green crunch appearing almost sweet with hints of fairy-floss with some leafy earthy tones. The palate lingers and is long and wide.
Pairing:	Try it with Peking Duck rice paper rolls.
Cellaring:	10-15 years – this wine will benefit from decanting while young.
Vintage:	Vintage 2022 began with a very cool spring, misty conditions and low hanging fog. Fruit flowering took some time due to the cooler conditions which is typical for the region after a larger vintage in 2021. Low crops resulted in high concentration of flavour in both the Concongella and Salvation Gully vineyards.



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AWARDS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS

Wine pilot, Jeni Port - April 2023

Bright with glistening red hues. Alluring scents come out to play in pomegranate, cherry and cranberry with just a touch of blood orange rind and a small pinch of spice and vanilla. While cedary oak provides a steady background note, the palate is given over to red cherries and earth with a touch of Amaro bitters, sinewy in mouth feel, slightly savory in edge and finishing dry and clean. It gives Grampians Pinot Noir a good name and is most definitely a wine to be taken seriously. Drink 2023-2032. **Rating: 93 points**

WBM Tyson Stelver – May/June 2023

I love the way these cooler vintages are playing out among the vines of Best's. Planted between 1980 and 1997, there's a confidence to these vines that builds impressive integrity for this price point. A savory style of beetroot and dried herbs and spice over a core of spicy berry compote, carried equally by finely textured tannins as it is by tangy, cool season acidity. **Rating: 92 points**

The Real Review – May 2023

Deep, bright red-purple – excellent colour – and a lovely ripe cherry fragrance that is typical of pinot noir. Light bodied and soft, easygoing, balanced and supple in the mouth. A well presented early drinking pinot at a great price. Drink now to 2028

James Suckling – Ned Goodwin MW, June 2023

Plantings dating back to the 1860's. Light-weighted and frisky, with scents of damson, clove, bergamot and eucalyptus, drying across the finish. There is a brambly sort of personality to this, marked by scents of Australian scrub. A fun pinot, best drunk slightly chilled. Drink or hold.

Rating: 90 points

Halliday Wine Companion, Campbell Mattinson - July 2023

Cooling herb notes, forest berry characters, and liberal deployment of twiggy spices. This is a savoury pinot noir, gently sinewy, with just enough fruit to suggest that it will age well, which indeed is the best course of action. This needs time to spread, develop and soften.

Rating: 91 points ★ special value for money.