



TASTING NOTE

2022 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.

Technical Details

Growing Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Pinot Meunier
	Pick date: 9 th March 2022 Bottle date: 23 rd December 2022
Alcohol	12.0 %
Winemaker	Jacob Parton

Tasting Notes

Colour	Deep red colour intensity, with a ruby/garnet hue
Bouquet	Intense red primary fruits with a bouquet of cranberry and cherry. Secondary aromas of dried flowers, coupled with cloves and dried herb.
Palate	Pronounced intensity, with delicate characters of red cherry, raspberry, and red current. Mid-palate is filled with savoury spice, dried herb, and clove. Acid and tannin are poised nicely which creates a long finish. This is a medium bodied wine of exceptional quality, which can be enjoyed now or cellared for 2-20 years to experience its full potential.
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 smaller berries with higher concentrations of flavour, producing outstanding wines.





REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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Winepilot – Jeni Port, June 2023

Old vines don't describe the half of it. Best's vines were planted in 1868 which makes them among the oldest pinot Meunier vines in the world. It is a point to ponder as you explore the myriad aromas and flavours of this wine, a free-wheeling, sustained ride of pure vinous pleasure. Bright purple-garnet hues. Combines youthful freshness and vitality with real depth of concentrated flavour. Old vines off a single vineyard site seen to be able to achieve that kind of effortless feat so easily. Cherry, pomegranate, raspberry, dried herbs and a ribbon of pepper and earthy spice mingle, bright and easy flowing, with superfine tannins and gentle oak. The palate comes alive with complexity of fruit, yet it's so, so young. This is the great secret to this wine, year in year out. It arrives fully formed and ready to be enjoyed upon release and yet, rest assured, it will age an absolute treat. It is a national treasure. Drink now to 2038

Rating: 95 points

James Suckling – Ned Goodwin MW, June 2023

While this is a reticent, gently mid-weighted expression, its subdued nature is one of the beguiling layers, impeccable poise, and compelling old vine vinosity. Youthful coyness will be made up for in time, gifting those who wait. Ferrous, Damson, clove, sandalwood, and scrub. The tannins are beautifully lithe and compressed, with aromas suggestive of fine Barbaresco. A cuvee responsible for possibly the finest wine tasted from the New World. Loads in store. Best from 2028. ***Rating: 96 points***

Aaron Brasher - August 2023

Bright and youthful in the glass. Pretty Aromas of cherry, bruised strawberry, dries herbs, sap and spice. Full of red fruits on the palate, strawberry, raspberry and red cherry. The tannins are firm and deliver plenty of shape and savouriness and the acidity has a cranberry like freshness and zip. The finish is long and layered. An ageworthy wine displaying lovely varietal characteristics. 2023- 2033. ***Rating 95/100***

Tyson Stelzer – WBM Sept/Oct 2023

I love the way the cool 2022 season has heightened the fragrance, lift, freshness and detail of the Meunier of these grand old vines. Rose petal, violets, morello cherry, sarsaparilla, blackberry and even fresh liquorice are all present in bountiful measure, impeccably presented in a fine-boned structural framework of mineral tannins and tense, cool season acidity that unite to compelling effect to promise grand longevity. ***Rating: 94 points***



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