



## 2006 GIANT STEPS SEXTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### Review Summary



**93 pts** “Bright mid-garnet; tightly wound red fruits and hints of spice, with lovely focus and energy; a vibrant core of red fruits on the palate; fine-grained tannins on the very long finish.”

**James Halliday**  
2009 Wine Companion

**93 pts** “Perched on a sloping site around the hill from Yarra Yering et al, the ‘06 Sexton vineyard pinot is spicy and broodingly dense, offering savour/stony characters and sour cherry fruits, some cassis flavours too. A handsome marriage of detail, finesse and power; site driven and distinctive.”

**Nick Stock**  
Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2009

**90 pts**

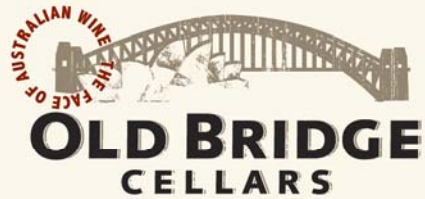
**Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**  
February 2009, Issue 181

**89(+?)pts** “Bright red. Fresh raspberry and candied cherry aromas are enlivened by anise, smoky minerals and fresh flowers. Very pinot, offering tangy red berry and bitter cherry flavor, along with musky herbs and candied rose. Richer blackcurrant and dark chocolate qualities build on the finish, which is broad and a touch rigid. Give this some time to loosen up.”

**Josh Raynolds**  
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
Jul/Aug2008

This Giant Steps might be an apt metaphor for the strides that Australian pinot noir has taken. Fruit from this decade-old vineyard is handpicked and fermentation occurs thanks to indigenous yeasts (as opposed to commercial yeasts that the winemaker introduces). In the glass, this New World-style pinot has dark fruit characters with a hint of plums and candied cherry, as well as an assiduous note of oak from the 30% new French barrels.

**Tyler Colman**  
Forbes.com  
June 18, 2009



**FIVE STARS (out of five)** “This high quality Yarra Valley Pinot takes a little time to open. After some air it reveals seductive dark cherry, almond and chocolate aromas of good depth and impact. The palate is tangy and complete with good depth and balance, and a lingering varietal perfume.”

**Ralph Kyte Powell**  
Melbourne’s *The Age Epicure*  
July 2008

“The Sexton Vineyard, a comparatively warmer site, has come along in leaps and bounds in recent years, proof in this wine with its plushness on the palate and a bit more oomph. But it’s not a brute, it has a delightful perfumed nose, floral and fragrant with savoury earthy mushroom notes, and plenty of bite, making it a really more-ish wine matched to ripe tannins. The best Sexton pinot to date.”

**Jane Faulkner**  
Melbourne’s *The Age*  
August 9, 2008