

2008 GIANT STEPS SEXTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



93 pts “A hint of development in the colour; the bouquet is expressive with nuances of spice behind the dark plum fruit; the palate has good texture and mouthfeel, foresty notes adding interest; good length.”

James Halliday
2011 Australian Wine Companion

92+ pts “Structured pinot noir. Flavors of rhubarb, five spice, bright cherry and plums. Lovely kick to the back palate; always a good sign. Integrated toasty, cedary oak plays a minor but supportive role. Nice follow through. It’ll age well.”

Campbell Mattinson
www.winefront.com.au
August 2009

92 pts “The 2008 Sexton Vineyard Pinot Noir receives a proportion of whole bunches and some barrel fermentation followed by 12 months maturation in barriques, 35% new, leaving the wine on its lees for as long as possible. It reveals a bright pale to medium ruby color and aromas of ripe cherry, coffee, cooked beets and underbrush. Crisp with a low to medium level of very fine tannins, this is a moderately concentrated, juicy Pinot with a long finish.”

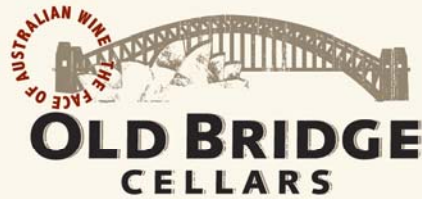
Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
June 30, 2010, Issue #182

92 pts - KEEPER “This Yarra Valley red shows dark cherry and plum fruit with some spice and a mushroom character on the nose and palate, with silky tannins on the finish. Try it with duck.”

Courier Mail
November 10, 2009

91 pts “Light, bright red. Assertive red and dark berries on the aromatic nose, with notes of rose and Asian spices coming up with air. Juicy, finely etched red berry flavors gain weight on the back and display good spicy bite. Tangy and impressively pure wine with excellent finishing clarity.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2010



★★★★½ - BEST WINES OF 2009 “Lighter style smelling of plums and mulberries and some obvious oak. Supple palate with very fine and gently fruit flavors, complementary oak and fine, long tannins in support.”

**Winestate
February 1, 2010**

“Beautiful aromas of dark cherries, roadside raspberries and rose petals drift out of the glass. You can smell the wine even as it’s sitting on the table in front of you. I also found some faint tertiary notes of asian spices. Like many Yarra Pinots there was a light body style, but focused intensity with soft, rose petal texture like cashmere. I liked the almost-chocolate-covered black cherry and RC cola notes, combined with raspberry tart, anise and smoky minerals. The Sexton vineyard fruit provided a fun experience and an exotic, sassy Pinot that paired nicely with the grilled chicken.

But the secret to making this dish work was the onion cooked in stock for added complexity and savoriness.”

**Rick Bakas, RickBakas.com – My 12 Wines of Christmas
December 13, 2011**

“A classy single vineyard Pinot from Phil Sexton and the team in the Yarra. Rich briar and mulberry flavors. Silky smooth texture. Delectable.”

**Peter Forrestal, Australia’s Sunday Times Magazine
December 6, 2009**

94 pts “Assertive, tangy fruit on the nose. There’s orange, black cherry and meatiness (perhaps from stems). Poached pear fruits. There’s a delicious succulence, a mouth-sucking type peel and sour dough raisin. Excellent length and with a robust tannin structure. The fruit flavors cross into chardonnay territory, but the tannins are all red.”

**Time White
Financial Review
April 29, 2011**