

## Tyson Stelzer on Curly Flat...

Wine writer and 2013 Wine Communicator of the Year, Tyson Stelzer, recently reviewed some of our latest release wines :

### 2011 Curly Flat Pinot Noir

*“A delightful and characterful Pinot Noir, its spicy allure accented by this cool season without detracting from seamless, juicy red fruit flow, finely textured mouthfeel and great persistence. A triumph.”*



**94 Points—Wine Business Monthly, April 2014**

### 2013 Curly Flat Pinot Gris

*“A precisely varietal Gris of generous flavours laced with gentle notes of patisserie and mixed spice, subtly fruit sweet and softly textural. Effortless composition makes for wide appeal.”*



**93 Points—Wine Business Monthly, April 2014**

### 2013 Curly Flat White Pinot

*“Three hours of skin contact has made for a pretty and understated rosé...beautifully crafted, too, upheld by wonderfully vibrant, cool region acidity which carries the finish long and even, unmarred by malolactic fermentation. Three months on lees knits everything together neatly, retaining integrity of character reminiscent of rose petals, strawberries, red cherries, pomegranates and watermelons.”*



**94 Points May 2014 - tysonstelzer.com**



Lisa Kimmorley, our wonderful vineyard manager is a photographer and takes photos of Curly Flat over the seasons. Lisa often arrives at Curly Flat at dawn to capture a spectacular sunrise, one of her favourite subjects. Join Lisa's blog to see more of her magic. <http://lisakimmorley.com/tag/photography/>



## Limits on “The Curly”

There is only 220 dozen of The Curly and the demand will more than likely exceed supply. To be fair to our loyal supporters, at release, we have a 3 bottle limit. One month after release of this wine, the limit will be removed. If you would like more than 3 bottles of The Curly, we suggest you place your order for 3 bottles without delay and then check again in a month.

## Curly Flat Chardonnay on Emirates First Class

We're pleased to say our 2011 Curly Flat Chardonnay has joined Emirates First Class and will be taking off shortly. Emirates started taking our Curly Flat Pinot Noir last year. We are excited with this continuing partnership as it speaks volumes about the wines.



Due to the unique environment at 40,000 feet, the air is dry and taste buds are less sensitive; so wines selected for Emirates must be able to stand up to these challenges. The Emirates wine experts consider not only which wines best complement their menus, but also which wines can withstand the rigours of altitude. While you might not often fly first class, at least you can drink some First Class Pinot Noir & Chardonnay!

## Thoughts on Vintage 2014

Vintage 2014 was a challenging year for many producers, not just for Victoria, but across Australia. Some growers saw reductions of up to 80% from their usual harvest due to the tribulations of the season. The weather for vintage 2014 could perhaps be summarised as a game of two halves; the first being cold, wet and windy, the second being hot, dry & windy. Producers also faced a protracted frost risk as a warmer winter lead to an early bud burst.

We experienced 20 separate frost events, some of them running over consecutive days. Thankfully we have our frost protection system, otherwise we could have lost half our crop there and then. Our crop was down, but only by 15% which is still a fantastic result.

Then the heat wave arrived, along with the lack of rain that came with it. Our vines are privy to some outstanding soil and their roots go deep; this, in addition to targeted irrigation, meant they did not suffer unduly and is reflected in our vine health and fruit quality.

In summary, we are happy with our crop in terms of both quality and quantity. The Pinot Noir is aromatic, powerful, but balanced with a wide flavour spectrum and great acid backbone. Our Chardonnay is equally promising, with its ripe fruit profile and great balance of acid; means we will now proceed with malolactic ferment for extra dimension. The only element left is time in barrel, and for that we just have to wait!



**2014 a year of good quality & quantity**