

# VINE To WINE



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## Curly Flat VINEYARD

### The New Release – 2001 Curly Flat Pinot Noir

Already acclaimed by several of Australia's wine commentators, Curly Flat 2001 Pinot noir is about to be set free.

Our Curly Flat 2001 Pinot Noir won the trophy for best Pinot Noir at the 2003 Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition, where the panel of judges was chaired by James Halliday who said "... an intensely flavoured mix of ripe and stalky/savoury fruit, and excellent mouthfeel."

Lester Jesberg in *Winewise* February 2004 issue: "very classy Macedon Ranges pinot noir ... strongly varietal, reflecting perfectly ripe fruit and has a classically silky mouthfeel within a fine, firm tannin structure. Right up there with Australia's best pinots. *Outstanding (Exceptional by any standard – a world class wine).*"

Tim White in the *Australian Financial Review* : "pretty, fragrant nose of cherries and strawberries with subtle vanilla bean new oak smells, too. In the mouth there's plenty of silky, juicy loganberry pip fruit and crisp toffee-apple flavours, while the tannin is fine and dry. Subtle, slightly treacly mouth aromas and plenty of lingering sappy fruit."

**"Pinot with lamb, trout, duck..."**



## Curly Flat Spreads Its Wings

Curly Flat Wines are on lists of some of Australia's most prestigious restaurants.

Curly Flat wines are now available in the UK through Liberty Wines which is headed up by David Gleave (Master of Wine), a renowned international show judge. For availability of Curly Flat wines in the UK, please contact Helena Ling (helen@libertywine.co.uk)

## What's Coming

2002 vintage is in bottle and showing great promise. 2002 Chardonnay will be released in Sep 04 and 2002 Pinot in Mar 05. In Winewise April edition, Curly Flat 2002 Pinot was rated Outstanding with commentary "this Macedon producer continues a push towards the very apex of Australian pinot noir ... packed with delicious morello cherry character backed with forest floor complexity. The palate is generously proportioned, satisfying and appropriately firm." Curly Flat 2002 Chardonnay was rated Highly Recommended with commentary "This Macedon wine is a model for cool climate chardonnay producers to follow."

2003 Chardonnay, just in bottle, is exceptional. 2003 Pinot is still in the barrel but looks like being our best yet. Because of the drought there will only be small quantities of 2002 and 2003 vintages and it looks as though they may only be available on allocation to buyers of previous vintages.

## What people Are Saying...

"Wine of the Future" (Sophie Otton, The Bulletin Dec 2003) "they (some Australian producers) are making kick-arse world-class chardonnay with depth, complexity and finesse. The Curly Flat Chardonnay 2001 is a good example: tightly wound layers of pristine fruit, tasteful oak and graceful length."

Patricia Landee (California) on the 2001 Pinot "Earthy black currant complex aromas. Well-balanced with a great taste and long lingering aftertaste. 93 points".

The 2000 Pinot, "pinot of great finesse

and style" according to Huon Hooke (Sydney Morning Herald 16 Dec 2003) who goes on to say ".....scented with strawberry, cherry and faintly sappy aromas of some complexity. It's smooth, mellow and succulent in the mouth with a good intensity – a wine of finesse and perfume."

The Curly Flat 1999 & 2000 Pinot and 1998 Chardonnay were in the Adelaide Advertiser's Top 100 for 2002 or 2003.

1999 Curly Flat Chardonnay and 1998 Curly Flat Pinot selected in James Halliday's top wines by variety in his 2004 Wine Companion.

## Other Offerings

### History Packs

As many people are just discovering Curly Flat wines, we are offering History Packs – sets of the current and prior 2 vintages of Pinot and Chardonnay. We had sold out of 1999 Pinot and Chardonnay in Australia but we have been able to reallocate a US export shipment of 1999 wines to help satisfy strong local demand .

### William's Crossing

Wines under our second tier label, Williams Crossing, were released in October 2003. Williams Crossing wines have been enthusiastically received by those who have tasted them. To share the Williams Crossing experience with others, we have reduced the price – Williams Crossing Chardonnay 2000 is now \$12.50 per bottle or \$137.50 per dozen, Williams Crossing Pinot Noir 2001 is \$25 per bottle or \$275 per dozen.

### Large Format Bottles

Magnums (1.5L or 2 standard bottles) of 1999, 2000 and 2001 Pinot and 1999 and 2001 Chardonnay and a small number of Methuselaha (6L or 8 standard bottles) of 2000 and 2001 Pinot. Large format bottles are presented in customized Curly Flat timber cases. Quantities are limited – already all the 1998 magnums have been sold and most of the 1999 magnums. See our website for large format bottle prices.



## Release Four

### 2001 Curly Flat Pinot Noir

The growing season for Vintage 2001 started very well and just got better – resulting in robust wines of significant palate weight and great intensity. While the winter was on the dry side, there were very good spring rains, well above average, which resulted in good growth and strong canopy – long shoots with good leaf numbers and size. The weather changed in December when the rain was turned off, with the summer months being well below average in rainfall and well above average in temperature – in January, there were 17 days above 34 degrees. Good rains in late March kept the vines in fine working condition and the April rains held off until we got through harvest.

The wine shows a strong colour of deep ruby, with good clarity even though filtering was kept to a minimum.

The bouquet has layers of dark berries and cherries with meaty, gamey, forest floor characters.

The palate shows the characters found on the bouquet, and is already very complex, showing layer after layer with firm yet ripe silky tannins and well balanced acidity. Obvious perfectly ripe fruit that has produced a full bodied Pinot of good length, complexity and intensity that will age very well.



**ORDER FORM - RELEASE 4 - APRIL 2004**

| WINE  | Bottle Price    | Case of 6       | Dozen | Qty | \$ |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-----|----|
| <b>NEW RELEASE</b>  |                 |                 |       |     |    |
| 2001 Curly Flat Pinot Noir  | \$44            | \$264           | \$528 |     |    |
| 2001 Curly Flat Pinot Noir Magnum (1.5 litre)                                       | \$120           |                 |       |     |    |
| 2001 Curly Flat Pinot Noir Methuselar (6 litre)                                     | \$450           |                 |       |     |    |
| <b>OTHER CURRENT RELEASE</b>  |                 |                 |       |     |    |
| 2001 Curly Flat Chardonnay  | \$35            | \$210           | \$420 |     |    |
| 2001 Curly Flat Chardonnay Magnum (1.5 litre)                                       | \$90            |                 |       |     |    |
| 2000 Curly Flat Lacuna Chardonnay (Unwooded)  | \$22            | \$132           | \$264 |     |    |
| Curly Flat History Pack 1 Pinot Noir<br>Vintages 2001, 2000, 1999                   | 3 pack<br>\$132 | 6 pack<br>\$264 |       |     |    |
| Curly Flat History Pack 1 Chardonnay<br>Vintages 2001, 1999, 2000 Lacuna (Unwooded) | 3 pack<br>\$92  | 6 pack<br>\$184 |       |     |    |

| Freight         | Up to 6 bottles | 7 - 12 bottles |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Victoria        | \$6.00          | \$9.00         |
| New South Wales | \$8.00          | \$12.00        |
| Other States    | \$10.00         | \$15.00        |

Wine \$  
Freight\*\* \$  
Total \$

**\*\*No freight charge for orders of \$400 or more** (total order any wine to one address)

Payment methods - Cheque   
- Credit card (Visa or Master Card Only)

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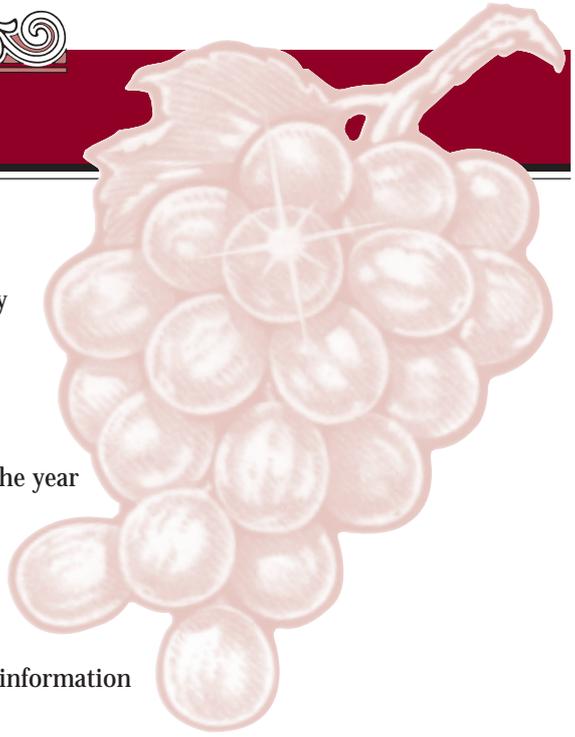
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## Tastings / Visiting Curly Flat

Curly Flat is open for wine tastings on the first Sunday and the fourth Saturday (the Saturday coincides with Lancefield Farmers Market day) of each month between 1 pm and 5 pm. On these afternoons you will be able to try several vintages of both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Please phone or email to arrange to visit Curly Flat at other times by appointment.

Curly Flat is also open for special events for Friends of Curly Flat throughout the year such as Harvest Picnics in April and May and wine release lunches.

We have tastings and wine dinners in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Canberra and Adelaide. If you are interested in attending, please contact us to find the next event in your city.

Our website, [www.curlyflat.com](http://www.curlyflat.com), has details of upcoming events and lots more information about Curly Flat.

### ■ CURLY FLAT VINEYARD

**Directions**  
**How to get to Curly Flat Vineyard**

From Melbourne – take the Tullamarine Freeway and proceed past the Airport.

Before Sunbury, turn right onto C325 to Romsey/Lancefield.

After Romsey and when entering Lancefield, turn left onto C324 towards Woodend.

Travel 4 km, and just before Glen Erin Vineyard Retreat turn left into Collivers Road.

Curly Flat Vineyard is 600 metres along on the right.