



Curly Flat

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## VINE To WINE

*Time to release...*

### 2017 Curly Flat Pinot Gris

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With the first release of the 2017 vintage, our Pinot Gris serves as a sublime expression of the year. 2017 was such an interesting growing season - a continual weave of cold and warm weather, which ultimately provided for great balance in our chosen varieties. Such elegance in our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay! For those, we have no choice but to wait, however our Pinot Gris is available now; it ranks as one of our finest efforts yet.



Aromatic, fresh and luscious, with great texture and cleansing length; our 2017 Pinot Gris serves as a clear illustration that the variety benefits from a cool climate.

#### Tasting Note for 2017 Curly Flat Pinot Gris

**Colour:** Pale straw, positive green edge.

**Bouquet:** Fresh scents of citrus, both blossom and fruit, envelope varietal pear with a spiced and savoury frame.

**Palate:** As mouth filling and luscious as it textured and long. Here fruit is king, with great texture providing a robust scaffold around a long palate line. Instantly appealing, but will gather complexity with 3-5 years in the cellar.

#### 2015 Curly Flat Pinot Noir, one for the cellar

Our current release Pinot Noir is getting some attention, and not only for its great value. Drinking beautifully now, but with an outstanding capacity to age, it has a long future ahead. Vintages don't last forever, don't miss out!



*“Every year, the Curly Flat Pinot forces one to address two questions. Is this the best they have ever made and are there any better Pinots in the country? To the first, if it is not then it is certainly in the final. To the second, perhaps, but none are better value. Seductive and supple, complex. Forest floor notes, gamey characters, animal skins, old leather. A lovely sappy style, there is some whole bunch character here but it is done so well, it forms an integral part of a delicious and exciting Pinot.”*  
*Best drinking: Will easily handle ten years.*

**97 Points, Drink 2020 - 2035 Ken Gargett, Tastingbook**

#### Curly Flat wins Best Australian Pinot Noir at Decanter Asia Wine Awards

2014 Curly Flat Pinot has been awarded Best Australian Pinot Noir at the recent 2017 Decanter Asia Wine Awards in Hong Kong. Such awards recognise the capability of our site, and the daily commitment of our team, who strive to realise its full potential. We are also very pleased that it brings more global attention to the Macedon Ranges as a whole, as we feel our region is truly world class!



This is to certify that  
Curly Flat, Pinot Noir 2014  
Macedon Ranges, Victoria  
has been awarded a Platinum medal for  
Best Australian Pinot Noir

95 points

*Signature*  
STEVEN SPURRIER, CHAIRMAN

Our 2014 Pinot Noir is *only* available directly from Curly Flat. Curly Flat wines benefit from time in bottle, but not everyone has the capacity to store wine. We hold back stocks of older vintages so that you can buy, from us, wines that are closer to their optimal drinking window. Other vintages available for purchase are Curly Flat Pinot 2011, 2012 and 2013 and Chardonnay from 2012, 2013 and 2014. Orders over \$140 are freight free across Australia.

#### 2014 Curly Flat Pinot Noir

*“Black cherry aromas and flavours followed by pleasing fruit concentration on palate and a long finish”* **Platinum Medal Winner, Best Australian Pinot Noir Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2017**

Our 2014 Pinot Noir has also been well received in Australia. Ned Goodwin MW saw something pretty special in it!

*“A pinot noir lit by a satin sheen of red berry fruits played across the mouth by juicy acidity and impeccably wrought tannins. Growing darker of fruit and broader of midriff as it opens, a lick of briar, wood smoke and truffle imbue a carnal edge to a shimmering, mellifluous finish. Delicious out of the gates, this pinot is a svelte, sumptuous glide across the senses.”* **97 Points - Ned Goodwin MW, James Halliday Wine Companion 2018**



## Cutler & Co. Lunch at Curly Flat 29th October

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of October we will be hosting the last Cutler & Co lunch for 2017. We are pulling out some cellar gems to serve with the iconic degustation lunch from Andrew McConnell and head chef, Chris Watson. This will be the eleventh year that Andrew and his team have come to Curly Flat.



The all-inclusive price is \$185 per person. **It's no surprise that these lunches sell out quickly!** Bookings to mail@curlyflat.com or phone on 03 5429 1956.

## Budburst Wine and Food Festival 2017

Macedon Ranges vignerons celebrate the new season with the Budburst Wine Festival on the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of November - from 10 am to 5 pm. Many Macedon Ranges producers rarely open their cellar doors, so this is an opportunity to find some real hidden gems.

Cellar door will be in our winery with all our current release wines available for tasting. Chef Emma James returns, serving all your favourite wine friendly foods, including 12 hour braised lamb, wood fire oven roasted duck, and grilled, cheesy brunches. Email mail@curlyflat.com or call 03 5429 1956 for bookings.

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RANGES  
WINE  
AND FOOD  
Budburst  
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## Cellar Door Open Throughout the Holidays

Whether it be the Melbourne Cup long weekend running from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, or the Christmas and New Year holiday period, our cellar door is open. From the 27<sup>th</sup> of December to the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, our cellar door will be open daily from 12 noon to 5pm.

We were delighted to be awarded Star Cellar Door for the Macedon Ranges by Gourmet Traveller Wine. Talking with the team behind our wines in our 1880s homestead, leads to a cellar door experience that many rate as their best.

We ask that larger groups (6 or more) call ahead so that we can accommodate you and make sure that we have adequate staff to provide a great experience.



## Curly Christmas Ideas Great & Small...

If you're looking for a unique gift, or you want to make sure you've got some special wines in your cellar ready for the festive season, we've got you covered. Orders over \$140 are freight free across Australia, otherwise there is a flat rate of \$10. As for ordering, you can visit our website or contact us directly by phone, email or fax. Here are some gift suggestions:



### Magnums & Large Format Bottles

Nothing announces a celebration more than a magnum - do you really need an excuse? The 1500ml option is becoming more popular, as it goes around the table in style. They are also the perfect vessel for cellaring, and, as the price includes a branded wooden box, they make a great gift.

#### Magnums 1500ml

**Pinot Noir** 2015, 2014, 2013  
**Chardonnay** 2015, 2014, 2013

#### Double Magnum 3000ml

**Pinot Noir** 2015, 2014, 2013

### Curly Flat History Packs

Our history packs are a great way to taste some older Curly Flat wines that you missed out on, or simply couldn't resist drinking. Or you can just stock up your cellar, as the releases below still have a long way to go.

#### History Packs

**Pinot Noir History Pack** 2014, 2013, 2012 (\$168)

**Chardonnay History Pack** 2014, 2013, 2012 (\$144)

### Curly Flat 375ml Half Bottles

Our range of half bottles are proving increasingly popular. Don't feel like opening a full 750ml? Here's the answer, plus we have some museum releases to really put something special in the stocking!

#### 375ml Half Bottle History Packs

**Pinot Noir** 1 each 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010 (\$117)

**Chardonnay** 1 each 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 (\$101)

#### Individual 375mls Available

**Curly Flat Pinot Noir**  
2015, 2014, 2013, 2011

**Curly Flat Chardonnay**  
2015, 2014, 2012

2015 Pinot Gris

**2015 Williams Crossing Pinot Noir**

### Curly Flat Sparkling Macedon

What better way to celebrate the holiday period than with a bottle (or two) of bubbles? Our *methode traditionnelle* "Macedon" is the perfect wine to kick off the Christmas lunch, or see in the New Year.