

## VINE to WINE

*Time to release...*

## 2017 Curly Flat Pinot Noir



When Gary Walsh from the Wine Front backs up your excitement in a new wine with a 95+ point score (plus a drinking window up to 2032+) you start to think that you might be onto a good thing. And that's just what has happened with our 2017 Curly Flat Pinot Noir. Needless to say, we're excited to be presenting this wine to our mailing list for the first time.

In the Aug/Sept edition of Halliday Magazine, Curly Flat's winemaker Matt Harrop said of Macedon pinot noir: it typically has "vibrancy, purity, freshness and vitality with good natural acidity". We think that the 2017 incarnation is no exception, and are quietly confident that our loyal customers will feel the same way.

As we head into the last month of winter, a reminder that we have the fires blazing every weekend at Curly Flat from 12 - 5pm. Come in to enjoy the cosy room, convivial atmosphere and charming cats.

## 2017 Curly Flat Pinot Noir (\$52)



**Bouquet:** Fresh violets & dried lavender entwine with strawberry and black cherry to form a fresh, fragrant peak. Aromas of leather, fresh earth and autumnal undergrowth merge with coniferous notes, oak spice & black pepper all providing a complex savoury base.

**Palate:** Luminous yet mouth-filling red threaded black fruits meet fine suede-like tannin that's ushered along by an undercurrent of cooling acidity. Fine mineral length meets with an ethereal epilogue of persisting palate perfume.

**Cellaring:** Drinking well now with the best to come over 10+ years.

## What are other people saying...?

*I'm quite particular about Pinot Noir. There's styles I very much like, and those that I don't but may still rate highly, where appropriate. Anyway, here's a style I do like, and I'd expect that it will have broad appeal too... The main thing I like here, is that there's an earthy/mineral thing going on that sets it apart from the pack. Cherry, strawberry, spice, mint, autumnal, yet still bright with cranberry acidity, wonderful graphite tannin, a coolness and composure without compromising this sort of salt-of-the-earth integrity thingy. Finish is pure and mineral infused, with insistent tannin pushing it long. Fair to say I think this is very good, with more to come. 95+ points* Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

## Price rise upcoming on back vintages

We're giving you notice of price increases so you have a chance to buy at the old price. On the 1st of September, with the official release of our 2017 Pinot Noir and Chardonnay to trade, all our back vintages will increase in price. So take this opportunity to purchase the 2016 wines before they become part of our museum.

## Curly Flat lunches for the rest of the year

You've been calling. You've been emailing. You've been sending carrier pigeons. Yes, we still have two more lunches to announce for 2019. Here they are:

**Cutler & Co:** Andrew McConnell and the team from Cutler & Co. will be returning to Curly Flat for

lunch on **Sunday 27th October, 2019**. The combination of Andrew's intuitive approach to food and Curly Flat wine has made for many memorable lunches at Curly Flat since they began in 2007.

# Cutler & Co.



**MoVida:** Frank Camorra and the MoVida team will be returning to Curly Flat on **Sunday November 24th** to cook up a Spanish storm. This lunch features smoky paella cooked over coals in the Curly Flat garden, allowing you to get up close to your lunch and pick up cooking tips from the chefs - though we

request that you refrain from questions when they're holding hot dishes!

Tickets to both lunches are **\$195 per head**. Email: [mail@curlyflat.com](mailto:mail@curlyflat.com)

Transport is available for all Curly Flat lunches, please enquire when making your booking.

## Budburst - Macedon Ranges Food and Wine Festival 2019

Head out of town on the 9th and 10th of November to discover the hidden treasures of the Macedon Ranges as 30+ of the region's vignerons throw open their doors to celebrate Budburst from 10am to 5pm each day.

Curly Flat will be putting on brunch and lunch from Emma James' mini pop-up bistro, served in Vintage Hall from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

If you purchase your weekend festival pass online before 30 September 2019, early-bird tickets are \$20. Otherwise passes are \$22.50 if you buy online and \$25 if you purchase at a venue during the festival weekend. All passes include your own tasting glass and a Festival Passport.



### New reviews

#### 2017 Curly Flat Chardonnay

*I adore the energy and the purity in this wine. Fruit is the hero in this wine with faint white peach and lemon flavours. Oak sits nicely in the background, providing gentle support but not crowding the fruit in any way. I love the way the acidity heightens and lengthens the flavour. Most of all, there is room to grow and evolve with time. Delicious. 94*

**points** Toni Paterson The Real Review

#### 2017 Williams Crossing Pinot Noir

*It can be hard to find affordable good quality pinot noir so it is well worth making a note of this standout from the Macedon Ranges region of Victoria. Williams Crossing is the entry-level label of renowned pinot producer Curly Flat and this is an excellent example of cool-climate pinot with plenty of poise and personality. Think dark cherries, hints of earthiness and approachable tannins. Medium-weighted with plenty of palate interest. Winsor Dobbin Ciao Magazine*

#### Urban Wine Walk - Winter 2019



On the 31st of August pull on a jacket and beanie. The ultimate winter wine tasting experience is here, and this is one event you'll want to be at! Fitzroy and Collingwood will come alive, as a line-up of the area's best venues transform into an urban cellar door for you to visit on a self-guided trail.

Curly Flat will be setting up shop at Ends & Means, at 79

Gertrude Street, Fitzroy. Tickets are \$75 each from <https://events.humanitix.com.au/urban-wine-walk-melbourne-fitzroy>

## Happenings at Curly Flat

*From the vineyard:* With vintage 2019 safely in barrel, pruning is once again our focus. After the wettest June since 1996 our skilled team face frosty days to set the structure not only for 2020, but for the many vintages to follow. Once pruning is complete, we'll nourish our soils with organic fertiliser and lay down mulch to retain precious moisture. Oh. And later in the year we'll be planting more vines, Pinot Noir of course! More on that next time...

*From the winery:* After three months in barrel, the nuances of our 2019 wines are coming more clearly into view. The warm, dry season has delivered Pinot Noir of great depth of flavour along with fine, structural tannin. Cool nights ensured that fragrance and length have all remained intact, all of which makes for wines of promise. Chardonnay looks to be a wine of real impact with vibrantly intense fruit and crystalline length, with degrees of complexing malolactic fermentation still to come. And let's not forget our White Pinot and Pinot Gris both of which are looking to follow the same path as their 2018 counterparts: by which we mean very tasty!

### Pinot and Chardonnay History Six Packs

Over the last few months we've really enjoyed hearing from customers who purchased our history packs of Chardonnay in February. We've had people come across a new preferred vintage, some who have rediscovered an old favourite, and a lot of people commenting on just how well our Chardonnays age. With that in mind, we're extending the offer on Chardonnay six packs and adding two Pinot Noir options to the mix.

Curly Flat Chardonnay History Six Pack (2011 to 2016)  
\$276 (normally \$291)

Curly Flat Pinot Noir Then and Now Dozen Pack  
One bottle each of 2011 to 2016, and six bottles of 2017  
\$624 (normally \$654)

There are limited quantities of all of these back vintage wines so don't delay. No vintage substitutions, sorry!

### Pinot Palooza

The world's biggest Pinot festival is back for 2019 and Curly Flat is hitting the road for the east coast tour. Join us, and the hottest line-up of Pinot producers in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Tickets: <https://www.pinotpaloosa.com.au/>



**Melbourne**  
October 5 11am - 6pm,  
Royal Exhibition Building,  
Carlton  
**Sydney**  
October 12 11am - 6pm,  
Carriageworks, Eveleigh  
**Brisbane**  
October 13 11am - 6pm,  
Brisbane Showgrounds,  
Bowen Hills

### Dozen Discounts for Direct Customers

Don't forget! Curly Flat offers a 10% discounts on purchases of a dozen bottles or more regardless of format.

Don't want to buy a dozen? Go halves with a friend!