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Curly Flat

VINE To WINE

2019 Pinots

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..."An impressive pinot of impressive weight, flesh and density, which promises to age superbly."

Huon Hooke, The Real Review

Great words for our 2019 Curly Flat Pinot Noir, especially after the near perfect 2018 vintage and the release of our single site Pinots - the Central and the Western.

We find ourselves 12 months on, the 2019 Pinots are now ready to be released and whilst the world and our lives have been changed the rhythm of the vineyard continues.



Harvesting 1998 block Pinot, April 2021

2019 Pinots

Aromatic lift, deep flavours intertwined with fine structure and rippling acidity made possible by the combination of warm days, cool nights and low rainfall. 2019 vintage provided a cooler spring, with the Summer months delivering moderate to warm temperatures with an average of 28 degrees. With veraison after the heat peak of Summer, slow ripening ensued without compromise to length or varietal detail. Overall rainfall throughout the season was low outside of a wet November, joyful rain at the right time.

The reviews for the 2019 Pinots have been some of the highest points we have received and the words even better. Campbell Mattinson said of the 2019 Estate Pinot Noir "... its chalky and dry, effectively mineral, almost quartz like. It brings gravitas to the Curly Flat equation".

The provenance, of the Central and Western Pinot Noir is highlighted with the release of the 2019 vintage, reflecting the unmistakable power, finesse and longevity shining through and leaving its stamp.

Western is sourced from the coolest vineyard sites planted in 1997 & 1998. The latest ripening block on the farm and producing the finer, more supple and aromatic components of the Curly Flat Estate Pinot Noir. The Central is from the oldest vines planted in 1992. Facing due north, this block produces powerful black fruited wines with deep hues, dense aromatics and plentiful tannins.



So the good news is that we have created a pack consisting of
6 bottles x 2019 Curly Flat Pinot Noir
3 bottles x 2019 Curly Flat Western Pinot Noir
and 3 bottles x 2019 Curly Flat Central Pinot Noir.
This pack of 12 bottles is \$599.40 (includes 10% discount for a dozen purchase)

The sad news is that the 2019 Western and Central Pinot are limited, So please send in your order form or call on 0414 388 051 to purchase your dozen before we sell out.

Masterclasses

Our winemakers, Matt Harrop and Ben Kimmorley will be hosting masterclasses featuring the 2019 Pinots on the following weekends in Vintage Hall at Curly Flat
- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th June at 2.30 pm
and Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June also at 2.30 pm.

To join us please book by emailing sam@curlyflat.com or call on 0414 388 051.
Places are limited to 20 people for each session so please book now!

In July & August, we will venture further with Matt taking our wines to Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth and we'll look to work with a couple of our friends to match some great produce with our latest offerings. Details on our website.

Vintage 2021 now complete....

Not only has time flown since our last update, so too has the wine! With our wines safely tucked away we can look back at the last few months. We previously spoke of a cooler summer, a trend that continued through to Autumn. This cool weather was peppered with days of gentle warmth which translated into near perfect slow and steady ripening. Coupled with relatively low rainfall combined to form fruit rich in flavour and balanced acidity making for wines deep in complexity while retaining fine aromatics and detailed tannins without compromise to palate length.

We are already excited by the fruit our fantastic vineyard team have brought into the winery, yet again. In terms of comparison this year seems like a combination of 2012 for the growing season coupled with fruit concentration of 2014. But of course, it will be none other than 2021 as every year is unique. Definitely one to look out for and we hope to share and taste these wines with you in the future!



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Things to look forward to...

On Sunday 12th September we are pleased to be working once again with Ian Curley from The French Saloon. We could not, not have Ian Curley cook for us all and we are looking forward to his accessible approach and simple philosophy... cooking the food he loves to eat!

He will bring to Lancefield his signature style, European fare of the highest quality with gorgeous classic French underpinnings. Such great flavours for our wines to sit alongside. Please email sam@curlyflat.com or call 0414 388 051 and we'll book you in.

Cellar door

The Macedon Ranges are looking their best and one the cold winter days, the open fires warm the cellar door at Curly Flat. Our cellar door is open from Friday - Monday 12 noon until 5.00 pm.

One of our team is usually available to show you our wines outside of these hours and we'd love to see you.

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Snippets of some great reviews

2019 Curly Flat Pinot Noir

"... a rich spicy, 'forest floor' and dark-cherry bouquet, subtly tinged with char-oak. The wine is full-bodied and strongly built, with voluminous flavour, serious tannin structure and plenty of grip." Huon Hooke, The Real Review **96 points**

"Curly Flat has made its name on powerfully-built examples of the variety, fruit often matched step-by-step by oak. There's cedary oak here but it's been dialled back while, at the same time, tannin has been dialled up. This wine has fruit but it also has a great emphasis on structure." Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front **95 points**

"In recent years the tannin and fruit profile has gone up a level, giving power and drive to Curly Flat's iconic Pinot Noir whilst retaining a delicate and pure expression of the cool climate site. Patrick Eckel, winereviewer.com.au **95 points**

2019 Curly Flat Western Pinot Noir

A superb pinot, thoroughly delicious in every way. The tannins suggest it will take some age to advantage 2022-2034". Huon Hooke, The Real Review **96 points**

"The pick of the 2019's from Curly Flat which is no mean feat. Patrick Eckel, winereviewer.com.au **96 points**

2019 Curly Flat Central Pinot Noir

"it's a terrific wine. Meaty, smoky, plum-shot, silken, cedar-laced. But bold with tannin. Muscular in a nuanced way. The 'standard' Curly Flat pinot noir grew on me over the hours; this one hit me with its quality immediately. Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front **95 points**

"... It's quite a forceful young pinot, given its cool-climate origins. The colour is deep and the nose is still primary and unevolved, with kernelly cherry, violet, spice and undergrowthy aromas of admirable varietal purity. Oak is appropriately balanced. It's medium-bodied and restrained in flavour initially, with a rather tight frame and firm tannin backbone tending to dominate, but there's real fruit delicacy underneath that emerges in the glass, and tracks fragrantly through a long finish. Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Real Review **95 points**

Museum wines

In the turbulence of 2020, we priced our museum wines at the same price as our current wines. As of 1st July 2021 the older vintage wines will be resuming their slightly higher price. Stocks are low on 2016 Pinot so this a chance to get this wine before it is completely sold out and before the price rise.

