

# 2018 Curly Flat Pinot Noir



## Tasting notes

**Bouquet :** A layered nose that opens with a flutter of whole bunch lift that seamlessly merges into a pool of vibrant raspberry and black cherry fruits. The layered complexity is completed as notes of spice, leather and black pepper occupy the savoury register.

**Palate :** A voluminous palate coursing with flavour is elegantly restrained by the raft of fine tannin that ferries the red cherried fruits along a fresh stream of cooling acidity.

**Cellaring :** Has great drinkability now and will cellar to 2030-2033.

## Season notes

Maximum temperatures throughout summer were moderate, averaging an almost perfect 26 degrees. With no heat spikes occurring in the later stages of ripening, this balanced warmth, along with very low rainfall for February and March, manifested great varietal expression and structural intensity while preserving aromatics and length. Overall 2018 has delivered wines of great power and poise, where enjoyment can be found in either immediate or very long-term drinking.

## Reviews

This is the main release from all parts of the vineyard. MV6, 115 and 114 clones, 20% whole bunch, 28 days on skins, matured for 16 months in oak (20% new). Fine, elegant and fragrant cherry and pomegranate fruit. Overall balance and length are very good. QED. **James Halliday 2021 Wine Companion** 96 points Drink till 2040

This is a watershed for this producer with such well-assembled complexity, well-guarded purity and the kind of bright, vibrant tannin that is rarely seen outside Burgundy. Intense aromas of blood orange, pomegranate, red cherry, boldly spicy oak and a sapid, reductive edge. Lot of energy here. The palate has rich red and dark-cherry flavor with crisply defined tannins that carry long and refreshed into the finish with assertive acidity. Crunchy red-fruit finish. Give this a little more time to settle. Try from 2023. **jamesuckling.com** 97 points

“Dried rose perfume in with some fresh mint, deep raspberry flavour, a little almond and vanilla, plus some spice. It’s ripe, but not overly so, with cool acidity, a dusting of graphite tannin, and a long biscuity finish. It’s generous in style, but keeps itself trim. I’m particularly tickled by the quality of tannin here. Excellent.” **Gary Walsh, The Wine Front** 95 Points Drink : 2020- 2028+

Approachable now with the fragrance of crushed red berries, musk, potpourri. The wine glides across the tongue leaving an impression that is both sweet-fruited, studded with lively red cherries, and don’t you just love that touch of pepper to close. Cool climate pinot to the very end.” **Jeni Port, WinePilot** 95 Points Drink: 2020 to 2028

“A spicy, charred-oak note on the aroma, suggesting a substantial oak input. The wine is medium to full-bodied and well-concentrated, with an excellent tannin backbone that would enable it to partner hearty foods. A gutsy, structured wine.” **Huon Hooke, The Real Review** 94 points Drink : 2021–2033

Quintessential red fruit through nose and palate. Tannic too. It’s a step up wine, a ‘let’s get serious about Pinot Noir’ release, of compelling grip and power plus prettiness. Good. Better than good, it’s excellent Pinot. Best drinking: now to at least six years.” **Andrew Graham, ozwinereview.com.au** 94 points

Alcohol: 13.5% - pH: 3.66 - TA: 6.0 g/L