

#### VINE to WINE

Time to release...

# 2022 Curly Flat Western, Central and Estate Pinot Noirs

#### 2022 - Near Perfect Season for Pinot Noir

To sum up the 2022 season in three words, "perfect for Pinot," wouldn't be far off the mark. A cooler vintage imbued with ample warmth at key phases has provided us with a triptych of aromatic, elegantly powerful medium-bodied Pinot Noirs. Each is laced



with elegant filigree tannins and minerality, which together bring both focus and carry.

Once again, the Western and Central are single-block bottlings that serve as the bookends of our vineyard's natural diversity. They stand to illustrate the inherent

complexities within Curly Flat Pinot Noir, our main label, which tells the whole story.

Overall, all three Pinot Noirs are wines of purity, perfume, and power that provide enjoyment now and



increased rewards over the next 10+ years.

"...gorgeous pinot noir, with beautiful texture, line and length, everything in superb harmony." Huon Hooke, The Real Review

#### 2022 Curly Flat Pinot Noir (\$67)

"Bright medium-full red-purple colour; sweet cherry pinot varietal aromas, augmented by a little spice, the palate medium weight at most with lovely balance and effortless charm. A gorgeous pinot noir, with beautiful texture, line and length, everything in superb harmony"

96 points, Huon Hooke, The Real Review

Available in 375ml, 750ml & 1500ml formats

## 2022 Western & Central On Tasting

As our Western and Central Pinot Noirs are sourced from select sites from which only a small amount is bottled, which means we cannot open them every weekend. That said, we will have them available for tasting for two weekends as below;

# 2022 Western & Central on tasting at our cellar door on the following dates;

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th March Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st April Bookings recommended

Book via our website or by email office@curlyflat.com

### 2022 Curly Flat Western Pinot Noir (\$67)

The Western bottling is sourced from the coolest parts of our vineyard that form the aromatic peak of Curly Flat Pinot Noir. We bottle a small parcel separately to showcase its importance to the Curly Flat Pinot Noir blend. From 24 year old vines grown upon ancient soils, Curly Flat Western is fantastically fragrant, hauntingly delicate, yet deceptive in its depth. This is Curly Flat, but not as you've known it and the 2022 season has only served to elevate these unique elements.

#### 2022 Curly Flat Central Pinot Noir (\$67)

As it has been since 2018, our 2022 Central Pinot Noir is again sourced from our oldest vines planted back in 1992. 100% MV6 clone, this block represents what has been the structural core of Curly Flat Pinot Noir since our first vintage in 1998. More brooding, the Central beats with a more structural heart where darker fruits more savoury complexities flow. We bottle a fraction of this site to paint a contrasting picture to the Western, with both bottlings simply serving to illustrate the diversity & complexity of our site.

#### What the wine writers are saying about...

# 2022 Curly Flat Pinot Noir

"The nose sees bright black cherry combining with wet earth and understated brown spice. The palate has black cherry from start to finish; there is a black tea influence and taut lines of acidity that afford the wine wonderful texture and length. There is a general coolness to the wine with fruit flowing effortlessly and textured detail that unfurls with time in the glass. Drinking well now but should be exceptional in time."

#### 96 points, Patrick Eckel, winereviewer.com,au

"I like the stringiness of this, the tension, the fruit, the length. It's real pinot. It feels as though it's desperate to rush forward but it holds itself back until it gets to the finish, where it runs. It has a minerally aspect, a sour ripeness, a thread of woodsmoke, a garni of herbs. It will cellar beautifully. It's cool, ripe, savoury, seamless & long."

#### 95 points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

"A near-perfect release. A hit. Bright raspberry fruit, a bit of woody whole bunch spice, fruit with some glacé generosity but still cool year lighter energy, and a fair tannic grip. This is spicy, cool climate Pinot, without losing sight of the 'must be delicious' main game, and definitely a Pinot Noir drinkers wine. "

Andrew Graham - Australian Wine Review

#### 2022 Curly Flat Western Pinot Noir

"Full and bright ruby to slightly purple in the rim with a hint of orange at the core, the bouquet has orange peel and balsamic herb aromas, with a note of Campari, quite bunchy, the palate bright and fresh with lively acidity and a serious firmness to the tannins—which are nevertheless balanced. There's a meaty/charcuterie layer to this complex wine. Different spectrum of flavours to the other two Curly Flat pinots, but vive la difference."

95 points, Huon Hooke, The Real Review

#### 2022 Curly Flat Central Pinot Noir

"A vibrant medium red hue in colour, the aromatics focus on black cherry with baking spice and embellishments of wild strawberry and an enjoyable earthen note. The palate is medium bodied with a textured backbone of tannin and the unmistakable acidity of the Macedon Ranges. Oak gives a savoury and spiced nuance that met with textured and pretty red berry fruits. The finish has wonderful balance with a fullness of fruit but ample spice and stem like influence. A beautiful wine."

96 points, Patrick Eckel, winereviewer.com.au

## **Back Vintage Update**

2021 Pinot Noir – low stocks, price rise April 1st, get in now!

Whether you're a superfan of this stellar vintage or haven't had the drinking pleasure as yet, either way our stocks are dwindling! To add further impetus, its price will be going up on April 1st to \$70, so we recommend getting in before the price rises as this is no April fools!



#### 2021 Curly Flat Pinot Noir recap

"Expressive, perfectly ripe – and I mean perfect, you don't see sharp edges here – with this sort of purpleness and gloss that ultimately makes it even more seductive. Medium-bodied, fine tannins, the style more about fruit than structure with an extra sense of effortless perfection as a result. Man, what a wine."

96 points Andrew Graham, Aust. Wine Review

### 2022 Curly Flat Chardonnay

Let's not forget about our Chardonnay! A beautifully refreshing rendition where richness meets crystalline restraint, which is not surprising as it heralds from the same season that was fantastic for our Pinot Noir. Here are the latest words other than our own;



"There is such clarity and precision to this wine that rides the subtle textural and nuanced influences of winemaker and oak but always returning to a pristine expression of place. The wine came in at 12.7% and its layers of texture are a triumph. The use of new oak and malolactic fermentation has provided richness but not at the expense of a mineral and steely citrus backbone that is contrasted by riper stone fruits. Satisfying length to finish, with a very long future ahead."

96 points Patrick Eckel, Wine Reviewer

# Visiting our Cellar Door

Our team appreciates your visit and looks forward to sharing the wines and the story of Curly Flat. With harvest in the air, it is a great time to join us.



Cellar Door Hours

12.00 pm to 5.00 pm Friday through to Monday

Closed Good Friday & Easter Monday