

VINE to WINE

*Time to introduce...***2023 Curly Flat Neogene Pinot Noir****About Neogene Pinot Noir**

The majority of Curly Flat Vineyard finds itself upon soils derived from the rare and unique lava deposits of the Neogene period (pronounced Neo - gene), originating from a volcano 2.7 km south of the vineyard, 3 million years ago.

The Neogene label from Curly Flat represents a selection of Pinot Noir sourced exclusively from these geologically young & fertile red soils. Poetically, Neogene translates from Latin as 'newborn', giving parallel meaning as the core of this label is sourced from our next generation of vines planted in 2019. Future vintages of this label will consist of fruit sourced from our 2020, 2021, and 2022 plantings, accompanied by select parcels sourced from the same young volcanic red soils home to mature vines.

In time these young vines are destined to join our main label, Curly Flat Estate Pinot Noir. But today Neogene Pinot Noir represents our ongoing commitment to



2019 'young vine' Pinot Noir block

quality and value while also standing as an invitation to join the journey of our young vines from their very beginning & to enjoy this label while it lasts!

\$44 per bottle - or \$39.60 in any dozen

Please note that Neogene Pinot Noir is only available directly from Curly via our cellar door or website.

**Our Tasting Note**

Colour: Vibrant crimson hues.

Bouquet: Floral notes of violets, red fruits of strawberry, cranberry & cherry. Peripheral notes of blood orange zest, vanilla pod & warming wood spice add depth to the fruit charm.

Palate: Energetic with an elegant plush red fruit wave, buoyed further by fine web of tannin that gives focus to the mineral flow.

Cellaring: Drinking well now and will easily see five years plus years in the cellar.

2023 Neogene Pinot Noir will be on tasting at our cellar door from May 2024 until sold out.

Book your visit via our website or by email
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2021 Pinot Noir; going, going, almost gone!

It's worth mentioning the low stocks of our 2021 Pinot Noir. With the combination of high demand and lower supply our capacity for museum stocks has been dramatically reduced. So, the best way to ensure Curly Flat in your cellar is to ensure it is in your cellar! If 2021 is a personal favourite, or, haven't tried it as yet, we recommend securing it shortly.

"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 is more about fruit than structure (especially compared to the other two) with an extra sense of effortless perfection as a result. Man, what a wine."

96 points Andrew Graham, Australian Wine Review



New Reviews for our 2022 releases

2022 Curly Flat Pinot Noir (\$67)

"This wine delivers ample reason for intrigue. Red cherries, musk, root spices and warming notes of shiitake mushrooms, dashi and undergrowth, conferring depth and ample, medium-bodied complexity. The tannins are chewy and satisfying, yet in need of resolution. Spicy and firm. This stands to age well. Drinkable now, but best from 2026."

95 Points, Ned Goodwin MW, April 2024

2022 Curly Flat Western Pinot Noir (\$67)

"Lovely aromatics to start, from forest floor, rose petals, star anise, joss sticks to pomegranate. Quite exotic. A lighter-framed palate with fine, raw silk tannins enough to add shape as much as texture. Flavours ebb and flow, some red and morello cherries, rhubarb and menthol comes through too. It finishes gently with refreshing acidity keeping it all together."

95 points Halliday Wine Companion, April 2024

2022 Curly Flat Central Pinot Noir (\$67)

"This Curly Flat Central Pinot Noir 2022 is an absolute delight. The OG Curly Flat Pinot Noir 2022 was superb, so I'm not really surprised. But still, this is such a seamless and delicious wine.

Seamless is the right word. Sourced from the oldest vines on the estate, planted in 1992. All MV6 clone too. Opulent red fruit, juicy, ripe but not heavy, 13% alcohol perfection. It's riper tasting than 13% actually, with sappy raspberry and glace cherry with a late savoury twist. It's less tannic than the normal (let's just call it that) Pinot, maybe too silken rather than structured, but perhaps even more succulently red-fruited (which you see in MV6). A medium-bodied, perfectly ripe Macedon red that just feels so very right."

95 points, Andrew Graham, Australian Wine Review

2022 Curly Flat Chardonnay (\$67)

"An excellent, medium-bodied expression from a cool La Niña vintage, perfect for whites. Fruit, flare and compression wrapped in a classy interplay of cantaloupe, pralines, hazelnuts and Mirabelle plums. The texture is immaculate, with nothing hard or too soft. Just generous, cool-climate tension promoting exceptional length. Very good. Drinkable now, but best from 2026"

96 Points, Ned Goodwin MW, April 2024

Visiting our Cellar Door

Whatever the weather, it's always a great time to visit our cellar door at the vineyard, and with winter approaching our open fires will provide for a warming welcome. We also appreciate the special effort by those who visit to taste and hear our story in wine. Our informally informative approach (along with our wines) leads many guests to say it's the best tasting experience they've had and we've had many guests (friends) return over many, many years. Look forward to seeing you!



Cellar Door Hours

12.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Friday through to Monday

Please note we are open on the King's Birthday public holiday on the 10th of June 2024

2024, cool summer, warm autumn, fine wine

The 2024 growing season was predictably unpredictable, but is any vintage predictable? Predictions strayed early on as the touted El Nino (warm/dry) was weakened significantly by stronger influences from the Southern Ocean resulting in the above average rainfall for December & January along with cooler weather.

Autumn saw the influence from the South weaken and allow the El Nino conditions to reassert itself with warmer weather for March with next to no rainfall.

Compared to the cooler 2022 & 2023 vintages, the harvest of 2024 saw a return to a more familiar timing near the latter parts of March. Fruit was concentrated yet restrained at the same time so we are now seeing wines of powerful elegance starting to form. 2024 has ultimately delivered exceptional wines that once again tell the story of the year in the glass. We look forward to sharing!

