



TOLPUDDLE

VINEYARD

2017 TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

NATASHA HUGHES MW
CLUB OENOLOGIQUE (UK)

SEPTEMBER 2022

There's evident density and concentration on a complex, layered palate packed with raspberries, strawberries and cranberries, enlivened with a twist of orange zest and a suggestion of dried herbs. Fine-boned tannins provide a framework for all the fruit, and further support is lent by subtle oaking. Very poised, very long and very young.

97 POINTS

JANCIS ROBINSON
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50% whole-bunch fermentation. Cold year but extraordinary concentration. Looked a bit of a beast in its early years.

Quite dark. Light, fresh nose. Spicier than most. Sinewy and still very youthful. Somewhat chewy still with a hint of cough medicine rather than pure perfume. A bit too concentrated for Pinot perfection.

17+ POINTS

JOSH RAYNOLDS
VINOUS

Vivid red. Vibrant, spice- and mineral-kissed red berry preserve, cherry cola and floral pastille scents are complemented by incense and musky earth notes. Sappy, well-concentrated, penetrating Chambord, kirsch and spicecake flavors provide excellent palate coverage. Closes extremely long and smooth, with a dusting of fine-grained tannins that lend discreet grip to persistent red fruit and exotic spice notes.

94 POINTS

JAMES SUCKLING

JULY 2018

"It's impossible not to mention at least one pinot noir when it comes to cool-climate reds. In Tasmania's Coal River Valley region, Tolpuddle Vineyard is making arguably the greatest pinot noir in Australia. Under the new ownership of Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith (Shaw + Smith) since 2011, the vineyard has been delivering improved results and now, showing full potential.

With an outstanding score of 99 points, 6th release of Tolpuddle Vineyard pinot noir is conclusive proof as it is a true vineyard expression with much refinement. Whether it's the wildly attractive fruit aromas or the outstanding palate with fresh fruit flavours and long, helix-like tannins, this pinot noir has truly impressed us."

99 POINTS

JAMES HALLIDAY,
THE WINE FRONT

OCTOBER 2017

"Vinified with 40% whole bunches in open fermenters, the parcels spending 15-25 days on skins, matured in French barriques (30% new). This is an awesome wine, its bouquet charged with a distilled essence of cherry, strawberry and plum. There's nothing heavy-handed here, just sublime length, offering a virtually limitless future."

98 POINTS