



TOLPUDDLE

VINEYARD

2020 TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

NATASHA HUGHES MW
CLUB OENOLOGIQUE (UK)

SEPTEMBER 2022

A slightly reductive, smoky nose, but on the palate the fruit is almost crunchy in its bright freshness. Cranberries and redcurrants are layered with rhubarb and red cherries, while savoury counterpoint is created by notes of dried herbs and baking spice. The acidity seems even brighter than usual, the tannins are fine and supple. A long, perfumed finish.

97 POINTS

JANCIS ROBINSON
JANCISROBINSON.COM

50% whole-bunch fermentation. Much richer mix of clones.

Blueish, quite dark crimson. Intense, ripe nose with a nice saline note. Very juicy and appetising. Fine boned and not nearly ready. Great mix of sweet, sour and salt!

17++ POINTS

TYSON STELZER,
AUSTRALIAN WINE BUSINESS
MONTHLY

JANUARY 2022

Benchmark sit meets winemaking wizardry. Even with higher than normal acidity in this cool harvest, there is a wonderfully effortless grace to this vintage. The exotic, floral mood of whole bunches harmonises seamlessly with deep set spice and berry fruits of all kinds. Powder-fine tannins complete a stunning finish that holds long and undeviating.

96 POINTS

JAMES HALLIDAY,
HALLIDAY WINE
COMPANION

Somewhat turbid, though the hue is good after aeration. The bouquet brings red fruits and a spicy/savoury palate. Very likely going through a phase, but a question mark on turbidity.

94 POINTS

CAMPBELL MATTINSON,
THE WINE FRONT

NOVEMBER 2021

Yes. Lovely pinot noir. Beautiful. Inherently complex but juicy and floral. Laced with bunchy, smoky, undergrowth-y herb notes. Ripples with cranberry, strawberry, rhubarb and red cherry fruit. Nothing too dark or brooding but nor is it light or tart. It has will-develop-gorgeously written all over it. The tannin is fine too, dusty almost, spice-drenched, complex in itself. Dust. I kept coming back to that word. It's perfumed and dusty and everything in between. There's a herbal bitterness picking out the aftertaste. It's that kind of wine. Savoury, herbal, nuance-y.

94 POINTS

HUON HOOKE,
THE REAL REVIEW

OCTOBER 2021

Deep red/purple colour, quite dark for an Aussie pinot and very youthful. There are powerful meaty, smoky and five-spice savoury aromas; definite touches of smoky-bacon and charcuterie. The palate has a touch of firmness in its tannins and is a little uneven in its flow at first. There is real concentration and substantial oak here and it appreciates time in the glass to unfold its flavours and aromas, which are superb. It's a baby today and I would hope for a patient audience. The palate really sorts itself out with a little airing time. I'd cellar it for at least a year for full satisfaction. Tremendous drive, energy and length. A great wine in the making.

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NICK STOCK,
JAMESSUCKLING.COM

This is a wine we have not yet seen from Tolpuddle. It has such well-curated complexity and whole-bunch influence (40%) sits in the sweetspot. It is concentrated, yet so elegant and the vivid freshness that pervades every aspect of the nose and palate is striking. Aromas of red fruit, such as raspberry, strawberry, red cherry and red plum are framed in spice and fragrance. The palate has such impressive definition and clarity and the tannins are so detailed, fine and clear-cut. Concentrated red and darker cherries are fleshy, yet elegant focused, and the acidity laces it all up so clearly. So drinkable now and for a decade at least.

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