



TOLPUDDLE

VINEYARD

2021 TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

DAVE BROOKES
THE HALLIDAY WINE
COMPANION

JULY 2023

It's hard to believe that Tolpuddle celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, but I remember being impressed by the wines at the launch, and I still await each release with a similar enthusiastic impatience. This year's looks good already: perfumed macerated strawberry and raspberry notes with some dark cherry and boysenberry in the bass. There are hints of Chinese five-spice, rhubarb, mushroom broth, sous bois, forest floor and rain falling on turned earth, with perhaps just a whiff of struck flint in the distance. The whole-bunch component here is beautifully judged, the palate shape sleek and possessing ample tension and grace, gentle tannin support weighing in as the wine sails away into the distance. Seamless drinking now but will reward those with patience.

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MIKE DESIMONE AND
JEFF JENSSEN
ROBB REPORT

JUNE 2023

Grapes for Tolpuddle were hand-picked and then fermented using whole berries and whole bunches. The winemaker prefers to use open-top fermenters and gently plunges the grapes to extract tannins and color from the skins. The wine is then aged in French oak barrels, with about one-third of them being new. It has a complex bouquet including ripe red fruits, anise, and a whiff of fennel frond. On the palate flavors of blueberry, red raspberry, and red plum are accented by dried cinnamon, ginger, and nutmeg. The tannins are soft and the finish has a touch of spice at the very end.

CHARLOTTE REE
THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN

MAY 2023

Fermented as a combination of whole berries and bunches, this is a pinot noir that can cause you to lose yourself in its perfumed bouquet, the palate completing the capture. It is a beautifully balanced and structured wine, its multi-faceted red fruits enriched by Chinese spices and fresh acidity.

98 POINTS

INTERNATIONAL WINE
CHALLENGE 2023

Youthful, crunchy and intense with a lovely cool climate focus and zip. Stylish, with plums, pomegranate, and black cherry fruit. Finely balanced with lots of zip and vim.

AUSTRALIAN PINOT NOIR TROPHY

AUSTRALIAN RED TROPHY

96 POINTS

TRAVIS SCHULTZ
THE CHRONICLES

JANUARY 2023

The 2021 iteration of the Tolpuddle classic is an austere edition. The intensity of sweet red cherries, rose petal and raspberry overwhelms the senses from the moment that the glass raises towards your pursed lips. Across the palate, the pinot develops characters of rhubarb, star anise and garam masala before hints of dried rosemary and oregano collide with earthy minerality and fine tannins on the finish. Bright, lively and youthful, the Tolpuddle prima-donna is as intense as it is pretty. The integration of fruit, acid and oak is seamless and the quality is undeniable.



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WINSOR DOBBIN
TASMANIA WINE ONLINE

Is this Tasmania's finest pinot noir? Almost certainly. I tried it a few weeks ago and it was excellent but when I tried it again at the weekend it was magnificent. A few extra weeks have allowed it to come together as the complete cool-climate pinot noir package. An estate wine from perhaps the most pampered vineyard in Tasmania - in the Coal River Valley - this is made by a team of pernickety experts. It delivers classic aromas and tantalising flavours, balance, immediate drinkability and cellaring prospects. For those looking tick hipster boxes, it is vegan-friendly, organic and made sustainably. One of those rare wines that is worth every cent of the \$96 asking price

HUON HOOKE
THE REAL REVIEW

DECEMBER 2022

Excellent depth of red with a strong purple tint, the bouquet black cherry, meaty/charcuterie and mossy undergrowth, while the palate is full and strong, with richness and fleshy extract aplenty, a powerful wine with tannins that are assertive and long. A subtle stalky whole-bunch note on the follow-through. A solidly built pinot of impressive concentration and real substance.

97 POINTS

TONI PATERSON MW
GLOBAL FINE WINE
CHALLENGE 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

A refined, bright, bunched style with lemon pith nuances on the close.

DOUBLE GOLD, 96 POINTS

ANDREA PRITZKER MW
GLOBAL FINE WINES
CHALLENGE 2022

Fragrant bouquet of red cherry and herbal nuances. Plush and vibrant with well-structured herbal edged, excellent bone structure and a long finish

DOUBLE GOLD, 96 POINTS

ANDREW CAILLARD MW
GLOBAL FINE WINE
CHALLENGE 2022

Herb garden red fruit aromas with vanilla, flinty notes. Well concentrated wine with anole red berry fruits, fine slinky textures, very good mid-palate viscosity and mineral length.

DOUBLE GOLD, 95 POINTS

MATTHEW JUKES
100 BEST AUSTRALIAN
WINES REPORT 2022/2023

2021 Coal River Valley Pinot Noir also sings of its origins, and it is every bit as calm and cool as its Chardonnay sibling. But there is a particular sort of earthiness here that differentiates this beautiful wine from those made in Mornington, Geelong or the Hills. There is a power-to-finesse ratio all of its own, and while the perfume appears gentle, harmonious and engaging, there is considerable energy and potential buried deep in this wine's core, so try to be as patient as you possibly can before opening a bottle!

JAMES SUCKLING 'S TOP
100 WINE OF AUSTRALIA
2022

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NICK STOCK
THE WINE MAGAZINE

Very suave, vibrant and impressively polished. Smooth fleshy red cherry and strawberry fruit, oak spice weaves in and out of the frame, tannins are smoothly arranged and resolved. Long, plush and fresh. Acidity sits deep inside ripe fruit flesh. Silky texture of Chambolle!

98 POINTS

JAMES SUCKLING
JAMESSUCKLING.COM

I love the transparent, floral nose of this beautifully crafted and extremely fresh Tasmanian pinot noir. Fantastic interplay of mineral acidity with fresh black cherry and ripe strawberry fruit on the super-elegant palate. Long, silky and citrusy finish. From the Coal River Valley sub-region of Tasmania.

95 POINTS

SHANTEH WALE
THE WINE PILOT

Black cherry, lingonberry and goji oh my, a wonder of brooding black and red berries fill this lush baked berry pie. Star anise and salted licorice root move into ground coffee and potting soil. The wine grows into its savoury tones and finishes with tight tannins and cola bitters. Drink with braised pork and wild mushrooms.

93 POINTS

DAVID SLY
DECANTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

A longer, cooler vintage has allowed the sum of all the distinctive site components to marry in ideal balance. It's all there - pretty aromatics; plush, rounded fruit flavours with some stalky grip adding play to the texture, and a cloak of minerality providing an intriguing counterpoint as fine tannins grip at the finish. It's alluring, enticing you back to keep reading its complexity.

98 POINTS

NATASHA HUGHES MW
CLUB OENOLOGIQUE (UK)

A juicy, almost fleshy wine that shows great promise, but the fruit will need time to unwind from the taut acidity and gently grippy tannins. Dense fruit, mainly in the red berry and cherry spectrum, but with a hint of slightly darker berries in the background. Very young, but should be stunning when it settles down.

96 POINTS

JANCIS ROBINSON
JANCISROBINSON.COM

50% whole-bunch fermentation. Bottled January 2022.

Healthy mid crimson. Complex, layered, approachable nose. Smooth and lively and so much more approachable than young red burgundy. Maybe not as concentrated as 2020. Long.

17.5+ POINTS

J'AI ME CARDILLO,
JAMES HALLIDAY WINE
COMPANION MAGAZINE

This wine is true to the Tolpuddle Vineyard style. It has intense red and dark berry fruit, as well as some wild fennel and rhubarb notes on the nose. On the palate there is a lot of concentrated fruit, balanced by fresh acidity and some fine tannins. Cherry and raspberry notes through to darker blueberry and boysenberry give complexity to a palate that flows seamlessly, and some Chinese five spice characters give a hint of more savoury notes to come with time. The grapes were hand-picked and fermented as a combination of whole berries and whole bunches, in open fermenters, with gentle plunging. The wine was aged in French oak for nine months, of which about one third was new.