

2013 INNOCENT BYSTANDER PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



94 pts “The trend toward beautifully made and affordable Pinot Noir is a recent phenomenon in California, and now the Aussies are getting in on the act. This spicy Pinot from the cool Yarra Valley was a huge hit with judges at the 6th annual Sommelier Challenge, taking a platinum award despite its modest price. Well balanced and refined, it exhibits inviting red-fruit aromas, a spicy nose, and a long, lingering finish.”

Robert Whitley
WineReviewOnline.com
September 23, 2014

94 pts/PLATINUM MEDAL

Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition 2014

91 pts “Estate-grown and hand-picked. A deliciously fragrant and lively Pinot, red cherry and plum disputing primacy; does not aspire to greatness, just putting itself first and foremost for tonight's enjoyment - or for the next 2-3 years.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2015

90 pts “Bright red. Tightly wound red berry and spicecake aromas pick up a suave floral quality with air. Silky and precise on the palate, offering energetic raspberry and bitter cherry flavors and a touch of bitter orange pith. Closes tangy and long, with silky tannins building slowly.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014

89 pts “Focused and distinctive, featuring a contrast of blueberry and red fruit flavors, with an earthy edge shading the extended finish.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
May 2015



88 pts “This reflects the Yarra region’s Pinot Noir character well, combining earthy, cola- and beet-scented notes with well-ripened tannins and medium body. There’s a fair bit of textural richness for such a modestly priced Pinot.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
December 2015

88 pts “Pale ruby colored, the 2013 Pinot Noir gives notes of kirsch, cranberry sauce and raspberry preserves with hints of cinnamon stick and forest floor. Medium-bodied, it gives a good amount of juicy berry flavors supported by approachable chewy tannins.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
February 2015

