

# 2013 GIANT STEPS APPLEJACK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

## Review Summary



**96 pts/Top 100 Wines of 2014** “Bright, deep and clear crimson; the bouquet is very fragrant, the palate brimming with plum and red and black cherry fruit, yet retains a fluid grace, reflecting a low-intervention regime in the winery. A worthy successor to the acclaimed trophy-winning ’12.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion  
2014**

**95 pts** “Deepish red/purple color, bright. Fresh, clean plummy aromas laced with a subtle touch of oak. The palate is rich and textural, with a good balance of savory and fruity elements. Quite deep and fleshy, with fruit sweetness hiding behind ample tannins and lots of flavor depth. Lovely perfume. More delicate than the Sexton vineyard. A very good wine indeed.”

**Huon Hooke, HuoneHooke.com  
August 2014**

**94 pts** “Tried the 2012 Applejack the other night, and gee it’s a good wine. This 2013 iteration is quite different. Deep rich dark cherry and raspberry, sage, pepper and spices, meat and a little creamy oak. Medium bodied, so silky and fine in the mouth – glides smoother than Tom Cruise in socks and undies – minerally, clear acidity and meaty complexity. It’s full and round, yet fresh and clean too. Not the uncompromising charisma of the 2012, more mainstream, but still the vineyard is in the main. Almost al dente tannin on the finish, with a pretty sweet rose perfume echoing in the aftertaste. Very good.”

**Gary Walsh, The Wine Front  
September 2014**

**92 pts** “Bright red. Sexy, complex scents of raspberry compote, cola, incense and peppery spices. Silky and expansive on the palate, offering sweet red fruit and floral pastille flavors that pick up a smoky nuance with air. Finishes on a spicy note, with subtle tannins and an echo of candied rose. Distinctly elegant and lithe in character; I’d bet on this pinot aging nicely on its balance.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2014**



**91 pts** “Focused, expressive and distinctive, with freshness and vitality, offering currant, blueberry, wet earth and spice flavors that come together smoothly against fine tannins.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator**  
**April 2015**

**90 pts** “Located in the upper Yarra, this site normally yields Pinots higher in acid and tighter in structure than the Sexton Vineyard. The 2013 marries fruity and savory elements of cherries and mushrooms in a medium-bodied, silky package. It’s bright and generous from the bold start to the lengthy finish.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast**  
**December 2015**

