



## 2013 GIANT STEPS SEXTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “Very good color, slightly deeper than Applejack; a vibrantly savory pinot, with cherry-accented fruit woven through a spicy/forestry palate of excellent length and persistence. Will richly reward 5 years in the cellar.”

**James Halliday**  
Australian Wine Companion  
2016

**92 pts** “Vivid red. Displays sexy, spice-accented red fruit and floral pastille scents and suggestions of dried flowers, anise and woodsmoke. An undercurrent of zesty minerality gives focus and lift to the plump raspberry and bitter cherry flavors, which flesh out and sweeten with air. The spicy quality comes back on the subtly tannic finish, which lingers with excellent clarity and tenacity. This suave pinot is delicious today but also has the stuffing to age.”

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

**91 pts** “This north-facing slope planted to seven clones of Pinot Noir seems to produce better wines every year. The 2013 is medium-bodied yet creamy-textured and lush, with black cherry fruit framed by cedar and vanilla. It’s silky and vibrant on the finish, making it a treat to drink already.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Wine Enthusiast  
December 2015

**91 pts** “Fresh and zingy, with a lively feel to the red berry and floral flavors, offering caramel and spice overtones that come together smoothly on the refined finish.”

**Harvey Steiman**  
Wine Spectator  
April 2015



**90+ pts** “Pale to medium ruby-purple in color, the 2013 Pinot Noir Sexton Vineyard is just a little reticent, offering subtle notes of black cherries, mulberries and wild thyme with underlying violet and black pepper hints. Medium-bodied, it offers plenty of pepper-laced black cherry flavor and a good grip from the chewy tannins and lively acid, though it's a little bitter toward the finish.”

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

**Wine of the Week** “Pinot Noir rarely shows off its distinctiveness the way this one does. The aroma has a green tea leaf character and the red fruit is more elegant and graceful than it is powerful. The mid-palate is terrific with Burgundian elements, and the finish is simply a joy when served with lighter red meat dishes. A great wine from vintner Phil Sexton, who also makes the excellent-value Innocent Bystander wines.”

**Dan Berger**  
**Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences**  
**June 4, 2015**