

# 2014 GIANT STEPS APPLEJACK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

## Review Summary



**95 pts** “The relatively light color and perfumed bouquet are typical of this Upper Yarra vineyard, as is the understated elegance and finesse of the palate, spicy/savory red fruits and silky tannins in a back-up role. If 250 dozen had been made, not 245, it would have won the Jimmy Watson Trophy.”

**James Halliday**  
Australian Wine Companion  
January 2016

**95 pts** “With definite root vegetable aromas, it’s clearly been fermented with some stalks, whose aromas are starting to morph into complex perfumes and will continue to. The wine is fine and elegant in the mouth, intense and focused, with great length and soft, subtle tannins. Super stylish.”

**Huon Hooke**  
HuonHooke.com  
December 1, 2015

**92 pts** “Vivid red. Vibrant, spice-accented red and dark berry scents pick up notes of succulent herbs and minerals with air. Juicy, focused and energetic on the palate, offering sappy black raspberry and cherry-cola flavors with hints of five-spice powder and mocha. Closes very long and spicy, with resonating red fruit character and silky, late-arriving tannins.”

**Josh Reynolds**  
Vinous  
March 2016

**90 pts** “To judge by the aromas – a complex herbal mélange containing hints of cabbage leaf, tea and acacia blossom – this includes a healthy proportion of stems. On the palate, the black cherry and plum fruit asserts itself, while the texture is crisp and silky, lingering through the finish.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Wine Enthusiast  
December 2015