

2016 GIANT STEPS APPLEJACK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



96 pts “Bright and clear hue; a highly fragrant bouquet of red flowers and fruits leads a silky, elegant and relatively light-bodied palate, but don’t be deceived: this has the greatest symmetry and length of the ‘16 Giant Steps Pinots.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2018

95 pts “Medium to full red/purple color and a lifted, fragrant bouquet involving some whole-bunch fermentation stemminess. Black cherries as well. Fruit-sweet, very ripe and succulent in the mouth. It’s at the fuller end of medium-bodied. Very good and will repay cellaring.”

Huon Hooke, TheRealReview.com
August 2017

93 pts “Supple and elegant, this offers a seamless mix of blackberry, raspberry and green peppercorn accents. Generous and lush on the finish. Strikes the right balance between power and finesse.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator Insider
August 9, 2017

93 pts “Beautiful flavors and aromas of strawberries, lemon rind, tea leaves and cedar. Full body, silky tannins and a lively acidity on the finish.”

Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com
July 17, 2017

92 pts “This east-facing vineyard captures the cool morning sun, the climate further tempered by its elevation, at 1,000 feet. It’s the silkiest and most transparent of Giant Step’s 2016 pinots, the sense of complexity and weightlessness heightened, perhaps, by 60 percent whole-bunches in the fermentation. Smoky, with notes of rye over the high-toned cherry flavors, this has tension that lasts.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2017