

**2015 GIANT STEPS
YARRA VALLEY PINOT NOIR**

Review Summary



95 pts “Bright, full color; the wine progressively shifts and builds ground from the bouquet through to the palate, finish and – in particular – the aftertaste, by which time the sheer power of the dark red/purple fruits takes hold. Balance in a bottle.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2017

95 pts “While the Giant Steps crew pride themselves on their single vineyard Yarra collection, this cross valley cuvee is a great place to immerse yourself in the mid-dark and cola end of the spectrum. Deep wells of aroma are immediately impressive, then beautifully sculpted, sweetspot, dark cherry fruit and spiced compote characters are given some gravitas with midweight palate structures and power. Most seductive.”

Tony Love
The Adelaide Advertiser
July 2016

95 pts/GOLD MEDAL

Yarra Valley Wine Show 2016

94 pts “The first release of a new ‘Yarra Valley range’ out of Giant Steps... Hand-picked, wild yeast, no fining or filtration. The winemaking doesn’t sound compromised, and nor does the shape and flavor of the wine in the mouth. It’s sour-sweet in a positive way, ripped with dry herbs and cherry-plum, with cranberry and crushed dry spice notes aplenty. It’s succulent, it’s tangy, it’s spicy and yet it’s firm and strong. It speaks of a top-notch vintage, and producer.”

Campbell Mattison
The Wine Front
April 2016



92 pts/Wine of the Week AU “A beautifully balanced pinot loaded with charm and ready to enjoy. The color is youthful, bright and deep; the aromas lavishly sweet, ripe and dark cherry-like. Rich, fragrant and seductive, all at an affordable price. Delightful.”

Huon Hooke
TheRealReview.com
July 18, 2016

91 pts “Vivid red. Spice-tinged raspberry and cherry aromas are complicated by sassafras, musky herb and allspice nuances. Sweet and focused on the palate, offering juicy red and dark berry flavors with suggestions of cola and star anise. Closes with strong finishing punch, gentle tannins and very good, spicy tenacity.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
October 2017

91 pts “Starting off dark and pungently sappy, with floral scents of violets and fennel, this reveals its elegance and freshness as it seems to gain focus with the air. The fruit tightens into spicy cranberry and raspberry, with juicy, crunchy acidity. It’s simple, youthful pinot to enjoy with roast duck.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2016

90 pts “This has taut and firm tannins on the backbone, with rosemary, lavender and fresh clary sage notes providing an appealing, aromatic, fresh edge to the crisp cherry and cranberry flavors at the core.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator – “Our Ultimate Guide to Value”
February 2017

“Dark chocolate, mocha and poached cherry aromas, plus exotic toasted spice. The palate is full of firm, juicy tannins, leading into compote of savory, dark stone-fruit with a hint of dried herbs.”

Nick Stock
Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine
February/March 2016