

## 2016 INNOCENT BYSTANDER PINOT NOIR

### Review Summary



**93 pts** “This vintage produced many full-flavored pinots, this a very good example. Its color is deep, the bouquet and palate focused around dark cherry fruit and attendant flecks of spice - spice that will grow with time. The length, balance and varietal fruit expression are an excellent base for the future (and for now).”

**James Halliday**  
Australian Wine Companion  
January 2017

**91 pts/BEST BUY** “This is the last vintage Steve Flamsteed’s team made for Innocent Bystander, after Phil Sexton sold the brand to Brown Brothers. It’s a lovely gift to the new owners, a simple pinot noir with a luscious texture and tight, tense, floral, spicy drive. The light green-peppercorn scent makes it an ideal match for charcuterie.”

**Joshua Greene**  
Wine & Spirits Magazine  
October 2017

**90 pts – Very Good+** “This light red colored Pinot Noir from Australia opens with an attractive strawberry bouquet with a hint of red raspberry. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied and very nicely balanced between its fruit and acidity. The flavor profile is a very tasty strawberry, red plum and red raspberry blend. I also detected nicely integrated mild oak and a hint of black pepper. The finish is dry and its flavors fade away nicely. This very good value Pinot Noir would pair well with a grilled salmon burger.”

**Ken Hoggins**  
KensWineGuide.com  
January 18, 2018

**90 pts/TOP 100 WINES OF 2017 – #54** “Plush and elegant, with raspberry, cherry and fresh sage notes that are harmonious, juicy and intense on the finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
Wine Spectator  
December 31, 2017