

2017 GIANT STEPS SEXTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



94 pts “More complex, darker-fruited and richer than Giant Steps’ other 2017s, the 2017 Sexton Vineyard Pinot Noir combines Clones 115, MV6 and Pommard. Musky underbrush, humus and sassafras notes add nuance to the black cherry fruit and subtle oak (25% new French). It’s medium-bodied, with silky but sturdy tannins that suggest it will outlive its stablemates.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
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93 pts “Warmer site, about 180 meters above sea level. One of the ‘classic’ Giant Steps sites. Steve Flamsteed says the 2017 vintage is one of his favorites, though that’s kind of a silly word. It’s a very good year for his hands-off mode of winemaking, is more the point.

Ripe cherry, red berry, faint meatiness, rose hip tea. Sets itself off on a darker, fuller path for pinot. Plush in the palate, dark chocolate and amaro, red berries, fine bitterness to finish with a smudge more bitter-dark chocolate. Mouthwatering, hunger-setting stuff. Fuller figured here. Breathy even. Nice though. Real nice. The ‘generous one.’”

Mike Bennie
The Wine Front
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