

**2017 GIANT STEPS  
SEXTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR**

**Review Summary**



**95 pts** “Deliciously perfumed with pomegranate, jasmine, roses, cherries and blood oranges, as well as pink grapefruit. The spices here are entrancing. Full of complex and savory charm, it has a very impressive array of leaves and herbs too. The palate delivers rich brambly-fruit flavors amid assertive, long and convincing tannins, which hold impressive length.”

**Nick Stock**  
**JamesSuckling.com**  
**August 15, 2018**

**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 saffras 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**  
**June 2018**

**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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