

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
November 30, 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 brightly-hued Pinot shows upfront fruitiness in a ripe red-berry tone, with underscores of pepper, flowers and herbal tea. As the wine opens in the glass, it gets smokier. The savoriness is even more defined on the palate, gliding alongside silky tannins.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
December 2018

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

90 pts “With more stems (40%) and less new oak (25%) than the Sexton Vineyard, the 2016 Applejack Vineyard Pinot Noir shows more whole-cluster characteristics—a positive dusty, textural feel and slightly green, vegetal aromatics. There’s ample black cherry fruit on the medium-bodied palate, and a soft, velvety feel that lingers elegantly on the finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
June 2018

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