

2018 INNOCENT BYSTANDER PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



91 pts “This wine is still a bit tight immediately upon opening, but that’s not surprising in light of the fact the fruit was picked less than 18 months ago, and all of its structural components and organoleptic aspects portend very positive development over the next 5+ years. For those who don’t have either the patience or the cellaring capacity for a wait of such duration, let me assure you that this becomes very attractively expressive with a vigorous decanting and a short wait before enjoying it with a meal. There’s some spicy oak up top on the bouquet, underlain with fruit notes of red and black cherry as well as some dark berry notes. Notable tannin provides grip and equally notable acidity provides freshness. Fairly assertive for Pinot but never heavy, this is serious wine at an attractive price, and very useful reminder for anyone who has forgotten how good Aussie Pinot can be.”

Michael Franz
Wine Review Online
July 9, 2019

90 pts “A soft and fun pinot with dried strawberries and hints of cedar and fresh herbs. Medium body. Fine, round tannins. Delicious aftertaste.”

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