

2018 GIANT STEPS APPLEJACK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Review Summary



95 pts/Editors' Choice "Sourced from vineyards at 984-feet in elevation in the Upper Yarra, the nose of this wine is intensely reminiscent of truffles, but there's plenty of fruit, florals and spice, too, expressed in tones of red berries, roses, white pepper, dried herbs and minerals. Beautifully nuanced and textured on the palate, it's both broad and laser-focused, slinking with savory tannins, crunchy red fruit and herbs. The finish is long and complex, making it impossible not to take another sip. It's delicious now, but it could cellar until 2029."

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
January 2020

95 pts "Love the aromas of tea, strawberries, cherries and freshly cut flowers, which follow through to a medium to full body. Tight and silky tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Shows focus and finesse with structure."

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
June 26, 2019

92 pts "Hints of smoke and gunpowder tea give way to fresh, vibrant pomegranate and cranberry flavors on a sleek frame, with notes of baking spices and caramel coming in on the finish. Harmonious and complex, featuring polished, fine-grained tannins."

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
December 15, 2019

91 pts "Marked by scents of mushrooms, compost and sous-bois, the 2018 Applejack Vineyard Pinot Noir is the earthiest and most savory of the 2018 Pinots from Giant Steps. Aged in 25% new oak, there are touches of mocha and cedar evident, but they're balanced by hints of red berries. The wine is medium-bodied and supple, with ultrafine, silky tannins and a mouthwatering finish."

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020