

## 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.”

Nick Stock  
JamesSuckling.com  
June 26, 2019

**89 pts** “Dark garnet-red color from center to rim. Some reduction when first swirled, which blows off to spicy and earthy aromas, fruit subdued. A very different story when sipped - plush and textured, a measured dose of rhubarb and a tease of red berries, savory and serious.”

Nick Butler  
The Real Review  
December 19, 2019

“The eternal quest: Find a \$20 Pinot that actually tastes good. Quest resolved: this Australian version, with layers of red cherry and raspberry fruit and hints of toasted herbs.”

“Budget-Friendly Crowd-Pleasers”  
Food & Wine Magazine  
October 19, 2020