



## Kooyong Ferrous Pinot Noir 2019 – Reviews

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The Winefront, July 2021

Gary Walsh

Cherry, a damp earthy sweetness, spicy biscuits. Fleshy and earthy, cool and sappy acidity sitting comfortably in red and black fruits, amaro flavours like dried herb and orange peel, distinct ‘mineral’ feel, firm dusty tannin trails on a long sweet/sour/savoury/spicy finish. Distinctive.

94 points

Wine Pilot, July 2021

Ken Gargett

A superb wine which provides compelling evidence that Kooyong has maintained its standards as one of the nation’s best pinot producers. The fruit is sourced from a gently sloping 0.79 hectare block which tends naturally to lower yields than many. The soil for this block contains a higher percentage of ironstone pebbles than any other part of the vineyard. The team led by winemaker Glen Hayley believe that this delivers a wine with greater concentration and more savoury tannins. The wine, with a portion of whole bunches, was fermented in a large-format concrete tank. Native yeasts were used and the process took 17 days. The wine was then pressed into French oak barriques (27% new), before malo. The total period of maturation was 17 months. Bottling took place without any fining or filtration.

This wine has a deep red/magenta appearance. It is immediately obvious that it is quite complex, which will only increase in the coming years. There is a minerally backing behind the red fruit and root vegetable notes. Look for raspberries and cherries. It offers a juicy and briary character with hints of animal skins. There is a focus on very fine tannins here, with fresh acidity. This is a really well-balanced pinot in every respect and it surely has a decade plus ahead of it.

95 points

The Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2022, August 2021

Jane Faulkner

A lovely perfumed lift of red roses and lavender with a hint of rosemary. Sweet/sour cherries, rhubarb and earthy tones lead to a more medium-bodied palate with lots of refreshing acidity and sinewy tannins. It’s savoury and rather moreish too.

93 points

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Wine of the Week, August 2021

Winsor Dobbin

There is something very special about this Mornington Peninsula single vineyard pinot noir - and it is very much down to the vineyard in which the grapes are grown. The low-yielding block has a high incidence of ironstone pebbles that deliver wines with concentration and savoury tannic presence - think river pebbles - alongside juicy raspberry and cherry fruit notes. Medium-bodied but with a formidable presence, this is delicious in its youth, but is also a cellaring prospect. Another winner from ultra-reliable Glen Hayley.

96 points