



## Port Phillip Estate Gamay Essay 2022 – Reviews

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Wine Pilot, March 2023

[Ken Gargett](#)

Great to see some serious Gamay being made here. The fruit for this came from David Lloyd (Eldridge Estate), who has been the grape's champion for many years. David sold up in 2022 and this was the last fruit from his reign. The wine saw nine months in a mix of older French oak. A lovely limpid purple colour. The aromas moved through dried herbs, freshly harvested beetroots, dark berries, root vegetables and a hint of woodsmoke. Alluring nose but we move to a more savoury style on the palate with focus and length. Enjoy now and over the next five years. Not second rate Pinot, this is first rate Gamay.

92 points

Wine of the Week, March 2023

[Winsor Dobbin](#)

Love the crispness and freshness of this gamay from Port Phillip Estate and outgoing winemaker Glen Hayley. Port Phillip Estate normally only uses estate-grown fruit, but this is a one-off exception to that rule. The grapes were sourced from David Lloyd - a pioneer of the grape variety on the Mornington Peninsula - before he sold up and moved to Tasmania. The wine was made in very small quantities using whole bunch, French oak and malo. You could easily chill this for a few minutes on a warm day, or just enjoy its tangy, bright fruit at room temperature. Its red fruit drive paired well with a chicken and mushroom pie.

Halliday Wine Companion, December 2023

[Jane Faulkner](#)

The inaugural release and the first look at gamay for Port Phillip Estate with fruit sourced from Eldridge Estate. 100% whole-bunches in the fermentation leaves a strong impression: stalky, sappy with iodine and herbal tones akin to an Italian digestive in a way. I like its juiciness, the cherry pips and pomegranate tartness and the fresh finish. Enjoy with food to tame its overtness while maximising flavour. Only available at the cellar door.

90 points

The WineFront, June 2023

[Gary Walsh](#)

Red cherry, strawberry, a stalky/spicy capsicum element, pretty floral perfume. It's bright, light to medium-bodied, light peppery tannin, bright and juicy, but also gently savoury, with a crisp finish of excellent length. Thoroughly lovely drinking.

92 points