



Port Phillip Estate Balnarring Pinot Noir 2022 – Reviews

Wine Pilot, April 2023

[Ken Gargett](#)

This vineyard was planted in 1997, to both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, with more Pinot planted subsequently in a higher density program. Fermentation and maturation followed the same method as used for the Red Hill Pinot, with this given an extra month in oak. Crimson in colour with deep aromas of red fruits. Appealing savoury notes – animal hides, sour cherries, and dried herbs. The wine maintains both elegance and intensity through to the end of a long and lingering finish. Dense, concentrated, and well-focused with fine balance accented by satiny tannins. Love it. Delicious now and will drink beautifully over the next six to ten years.

94 points

Halliday Wine Companion, December 2023

[Jane Faulkner](#)

There's a prettiness, a lightness even, to the '22 pinot noir vintage; just good drinking in their youth while ticking the varietal box. A rather pale ruby hue, this is heady with rose petals, joss sticks and wafts of mint with cedary, woody spices. It's tangy and juicy on the lighter-framed palate, supple tannins and lots of lively acidity tucking in the flavours of spiced red cherries, blood orange and zest plus some oak nuances. It feels cool and refreshing.

93 points

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The WineFront, May 2023

[Gary Walsh](#)

Red cherry, spiced strawberry, mint/aniseed, dried herbs, and a little undergrowth. It's a little sappy, with sweet and sour red fruits, a cranberry freshness to acidity, some orange zest, cool and precise, with fine dusty tannin grip, and a spicy, gently peppery finish of brightness and crisp acidity. Lively.

93 points

The Real Review, May 2023

[Huon Hooke](#)

Medium-deep red-purple colour, bright and vibrant. Lovely ripe dark-cherry aroma - straightforward and pure-fruited, not overtly stemmy - while the palate is full-flavoured and ample, and backed by ripe, drying tannins that add extra authority.

93 points

Vinous, May 2023

[Angus Hughson](#)

The 2022 Balnarring Pinot Noir displays autumn leaf, wild cherry and Chinese Five Spice aromas, all beautifully aromatic. It is followed by a velveteen texture, layer upon layer of flavour underpinned by juicy acidity. It is gently framed with pinpoint balance before a finish of exceptional poise and length.

94 points

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