



Port Phillip Estate Morillon Pinot Noir 2023 – Reviews

Wine Pilot, March 2025

Jeni Port

A picture-perfect mate to the Morillon Chardonnay. Planted in 1987, fruit is off the oldest block of Pinot Noir on iron and magnesium basalt soils which bring a natural mineral lift and energy – a word often used when describing Morillon – to the glass. Its youth is evident and oh so drinkable, but there is opportunity for future ageing and development – a win win kind of wine. Red cherry, plum, mulberry, vanilla with rose petal, blood orange skin aromatics and dried herbs travel a firm line of minerally acidity running long and direct. Tannins are fine cut adding to a wine which can be easily described in one word: elegant. The Morillon block seems to always bring a touch of pomegranate – a mix of the tart and the sweet – which adds to the general taste sensation.

95 points

Jancisrobinson, March 2025

Tamlyn Currin

The fruit is sourced from a 0.4-ha parcel of the oldest Pinot vines (planted in 1987) from their Red Hill vineyard. 140–160 m, deep red iron- and magnesium-rich basalt, north facing. Hand-picked, spontaneous fermentation in 15% new oak, 18% whole bunch. Aged in puncheon. Finer framed than the Balnarring Pinot, although the tannins feel like they have more tension. Liquorice

and graphite lines, pencil lines. Fine, fine lines. Violets and lavender. The fruit is coiled and exact. Delicate bitterness, orange zest. The finish feels like a fingerprint, weightless, barely there, but lingering way longer than you'd expect from such a slender wine.

17 points

Halliday Wine Companion, March 2025

Jane Faulkner

Vintages that test both winemaker and viticulturist often produce more thoughtful and thought-provoking wines, 2023 is a case in point. This is an excellent Morillon full of light flavours and textures – some cherries and pips, rooibos tea, aniseed, Italian herbs and Campari. Fine tannins and cleansing acidity. This needs no ageing as it's bright and delicious now, although giving it cellar time will add more detail.

94 points