



Port Phillip Estate Balnarring Pinot Noir 2025 – Reviews

Wine Pilot, JUNE 2026

[Ken Gargett](#)

A pale but vibrant crimson, with hints of the Blue Mountains haze. The nose offers notes of strawberries and cherries, chocolate, bay leaves, dried herbs and a touch of vanilla. Good focus, there is quite a creamy texture here, and some early complexity. So much to love here. Juicy acidity with a lingering finish, a touch of sour cherry is evident as the wine comes to a conclusion. It finishes with silky tannins and should provide pleasure for the next eight to ten years at least.

95 points

Wine Pilot, MAY 2026

[Jeni Port](#)

Offers a different pinot perspective to its higher elevated Red Hill sibling. The Balnarring vineyard is just 50-60m above sea level and the fruit here was fermented in large format wooden foudre as well as stainless steel. Solid crimson hues. Builds on a deep, savoury-influenced style where dark fruits mix with violet florals, dried herbs and rosemary, baking spices and an added dimension of game meat savouriness. Excellent depth of flavour and interest explored over a line of lacy tannins. Superb balance, light and shade, and still has so much to offer over more time in bottle.

95 points

The WineFront, MAY 2026

[Campbell Mattinson](#)

This is a safe bet. It presents an attractive mix of varietal fruit flavour, teamed with undergrowth and smoky oak. Complexity is at a good level here and everything is in harmony. This is a dry, confident wine that maintains good momentum throughout, not to mention appeal.

93 points

JancisRobinson.com, MAY 2026

[Tamlyn Currin](#)

Strawberries and pencils. Light sketch, red-juice etch, pencils and petals and delicate yet dense. Tannins that stretch and yawn like naked morning and then curl up, limber, lithe, but not wanting to be anything other than sensuously soporific.

17/20 points