

## GIANT STEPS APPLEJACK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2023



\$115

**James Halliday's Pinot Noir of the Year 2024**

Product Code:	4842	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	Australia	Unit:	Each
Region:	Victoria	Volume:	750ml
Sub Region:	Yarra Valley	Alcohol:	13.5%
Style:	Red	Grape:	100% Pinot Noir
Variety:	Pinot Noir		



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### TASTING NOTES

**Gold Medal - Australian Pinot Noir Challenge 2024**

**Gold Medal - Yarra Valley Wine Show 2024**

#### **Winery notes** (2023 Vintage)

"Hand-picked, Fermented in a combination of small oak fermenters and stainless-steel open vats. The Pommard clone parcels were fermented as whole bunches, while the remaining clones were destemmed to whole berries and cold soaked for four days before fermentation started naturally. The final blend is 40% whole bunch fermented. All parcels were matured in French oak 20% new, 80% seasoned - for ten months in 225L barriques, predominately Taransaud and Dargaud & Jaeglé. The wine was not moved and kept in contact with its lees before blending in December. Bottled by gravity. No fining. No filtration."

**98/100 & Pinot Noir of the Year, Philip Rich, James Halliday's Wine Companion** (2023 Vintage)

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"Named after the Applejack eucalypts that surround the vineyard, which was planted at Gladysdale in 1997 by Ray Guerin. Seven clones comprising 114, 115, MV6, D2V5, D5V15, Pommard and Abel. Whole bunches (40%) and 20–25% new French barriques. 2022 was a hard act to follow, but this superb wine gives it a shake. Exotic, aromatic and pure with its bouquet of wild strawberries, dark cherries, quince, spices and flowers. Densely packed, this saturates the palate, but, as always, it's light on its feet at the same time. Seamless tannins round out another benchmark for what's already a benchmark wine."

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## **5 Stars & 98/100 Huon Hooke, The Real Review** (2023 Vintage)

"Deep-ish ruby red with a lot of purple in the colour; a reserved but engaging nose of dried herbs and earthy, undergrowth scents, a note of balsamic herbs floating across to suggest some whole-bunch influence, while the palate is gorgeously sweet fruited and succulent, with ample superfine tannins in support but very sotto voce, the finish filling out superbly into a long peacock's tail with the flavour and tannins perfectly matched. An exquisite pinot noir. Drink 2025 to 2037."

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## **96/100 Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, August 2024** (2023 Vintage)

"I tasted this wine a few months ago and loved it from the first sip. I have it on the desk now and there it is again, a glimmer in the glass. This wine is no one's fool. It's a pure expression of its place in the world and that place happens to be complex. It's a cool wine with straight trees of tannin, perfumed red and black berries, lines of spice and echoes of woodsmoke. It's a forest of a wine, a bit lush, a bit wet, a bit woody; verdant. At all times, as you drink it, the fruit comes at you like a swell. When you swallow this wine it flares out like you've reached the lookout at the end of a long walk. It's a good wine. And it's more than that."

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## **96/100 David Sly, Decanter** (2023 Vintage)

"A complex story unfolds along the palate – reflective of the complex plantings of MV6, G5V15, 114 and Pommard clones across the steep Applejack Vineyard, that rises sharply from 180m to almost 300m in the upper Yarra Valley. A moreish juiciness is celebrated thanks to 40% whole-bunch fruit in the fermentation, but the sophisticated flavour profile in this restrained, almost coy expression turns very serious in the back-palate, when a surge of black cherry grunt enters the conversation and leaves you with plenty to contemplate by its powerful closing note."

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## **96/100 James Suckling** (2023 Vintage)

"Complex aromas of blackberry bush, cassia bark, coffee beans and autumn leaves. The palate is medium-bodied with refined tannins and integrated acidity, giving notes of wet bark, dried herbs, dark cherries and cured meat. A hint of reduction with a savoury edge. 40% whole-cluster fermentation. Drink or hold."

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## **95/100 Jamie Goode, WineAnorak.com, August 2024** (2023 Vintage)

"Lovely density here, and a bit of wildness. Iodine, spice and some cured meat savouriness as well as bright cherry and strawberry fruit. This is really fine with some edges to it, in the nicest way. Nice grip and weight with nice fruit presence."

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