



2001 Reserve Pinot Noir



The Vineyard...

Another good vintage. Spring rains were followed by warm to very warm dry conditions. Late autumn rains created some disease pressure. Some outstanding wines were made.

Brix::pH::TA 22.3-23.8° (12.4-13.2° Baumé) :: 3.42 :: 7.0 g/l
 Vineyards::Clones Wallis, Judd :: MV6, 115
 Harvest date 6-19 April 2001
 Yield 6.9 tonnes/ha (2.8 t/acre, ~41.4hl/ha)

The Winery...

Winemakers :: Richard McIntyre

Winemaking The Reserve wine results from selecting the best barrels from the 2001 vintage. Each batch was macerated for three days in small open fermenters and fermentation was by wild yeast. The juice was then placed in French oak barriques where a full malolactic secondary fermentation was allowed. Remained in barrels for eighteen months before being lightly fined, filtered and bottled.

Alcohol 14.0% (8.3 standard drinks/750ml bottle)
 Residual sugar Dry (1.6 g/l)
 Malolactic 100%
 Aging::Oak 18 months :: 30% new French oak
 Production Bottled 19 December 2002 :: cork
 Finished pH::TA 3.56 :: 6.3 g/l

The Tasting Room...

Release Date :: July 2003

Tasting notes This mouth watering wine is bright crimson in colour, with aromas of black cherry and venison. The complex, round and full palate shows nuances of cherries, mushrooms and an attractive meatiness.

Food::Temperature Serve at 14–17°C.
 Best drinking 2003-2008

Reviews...

Medium red-purple; the moderately intense bouquet has a complex mix of savoury notes and plummy fruit; the elegant, supple palate supports the plum fruit with fine, silky tannins running through to a long finish.

91 :: James Halliday :: 2004 Australian Wine Companion

...all are good but the Reserve Pinot Noir 2001 is outstanding. An enormously impressive pinot of power and depth - a serious attempt at a bigger style. The nose is all black cherries and spices; the oak is apparent at this stage and the palate is big and mouth-coating, with a lot of extract and fruit/oak richness.

Huon Hooke :: 26 July 2003 :: Sydney Morning Herald

This is a classy Pinot, fragrant and fruity with delicate and refined cherry and floral aromas. The palate is medium bodied, with intense varietal flavour, kept fresh by tangy acidity.

4.5 stars :: Ralph Kyte-Powell :: 1 July 2003 :: Epicure Uncorked