

REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

2023 Estate

Pinot Noir

ASHTON HILLS VINEYARD



The Winefront, Campbell Mattinson - DEC 2024

95 POINTS

“This is a powerhouse. A truly, inherently, varietal powerhouse. It shows strong fruit, strong tannin and strong oak, though all are measured, and all show finesse. Cherries red and black, peppercorns, cedarwood, smoked meat and a wild array of herbs, florals and spices. It puts up the spinnaker and then sails it on home. This is a beautiful Pinot Noir from the estate of Ashton Hills.”

Winepilot, Ray Jordan - OCT 2024

94 POINTS

“The cool and wet season contributed to a longer hang time on the vines, with the resulting aromatics and excellent structure ideal for a classy Pinot Noir like this one. It’s a combination of clones with some whole bunches contributing to its structure and poise. Intense aromas of cherry and truffle with a palate that is powerful and elegant. It’s light-bodied but there is ample power in here sustained through to the long finish.”

Robery Parker, Erin Larkin - SEP 2024

94 POINTS

“The 2023 Estate Pinot Noir is stylish, red-fruited, floral and fine. It has notes of beeswax and clove, cherry and blood orange. The wine is super elegant and fine, with a flow of red fruit across the palate that feels like a harness of the cool season that birthed it. This is very good, silky. The fruit for this wine is from the Ashton Hills vineyard—hence, “estate”—and was hand-picked, keeping the clones D5V12 (42%), 777 (25%), Martini (22%), MV6 (9%) and 828 (2%) separate. It was wild fermented in small open-top fermenters with 14% whole bunches and basket pressed to French oak barriques (17% new) for nine months’ maturation. 13% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.”

Halliday Wine Companion, Mike Bennie - APR 2024

96 POINTS

“A lower-yield year with prolonged ripening and coolness alongside. It’s a svelte and meticulous pinot noir, tightly coiled around a strongly mineral profile with brisk acidity dragging the wine long and to a distinct, persistent finish. There’s tart red cherry, some smoky spice elements, a touch of forest floor and brambly blackberries in the mix, clove as a gentle indicator of oak seasoning and an array of exotic souk-like aromatics and flavours lending complexity. The wine is quite understated in its profile but delivers a strong sense of structure and tension, length and control. It’s a very fine pinot noir leaning beautifully into its more savoury flex. Utter charm is the result.”

