



TOLPUDDLE

VINEYARD

2023 TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

- ANDREW CAILLARD MW**
THE VINTAGE JOURNAL
- OCTOBER 2024**
- Medium deep. Lovely pure dark cherry, negroni, herb garden, star anise aromas with hints of marzipan. Sweet supple dark cherry pastille, strawberry fruits, loose knit lacy/al dente textures, lovely mid palate volume and underlying marzipan roasted chestnut/herb garden notes. Sappy notes build up to the finish. This is an exceptionally enjoyable and characterful wine, highlighting a classic vineyard site and cracking good winemaking.
- 97 POINTS**
- HUON HOOKE**
THE REAL REVIEW
- SEPTEMBER 2024**
- Deep red-purple, bright and clear colour; superb rich ripe black cherry fragrance with a kiss of smoky oak, the palate remarkably full and rich, smooth and fleshy with excellent texture and immediate drinking appeal, although it has the legs to age well too. Serious structure, but also succulent, sweet and plush—almost too much of a good thing. Outstanding pinot noir.
- 97 POINTS**
- DAVE BROOKES**
HALLIDAY WINE
COMPANION
- A cooler vintage for Tolpuddle with some hen and chicken and lighter bunches due to a wetter-than-normal spring, before excellent ripening conditions for the remainder of the growing season. When compared to the '22 release there is a little more concentration on display. Vibrant, magenta-splashed ruby in the glass with aromas of dark cherry, plum and blackberry fruits with hints of crushed herbs, softly spoken vanillin oak, raspberry coulis, charcuterie board, purple flowers, bay leaf and stone. Rich and flowy with spice, herbal and floral tendrils weaving through the pure base layers of dark fruits. Textural and harmonious with finely crushed riverstone tannins and mineral line providing support and cadence. Another cracking release from Tolpuddle.
- 96 POINTS**
- SHANTEH WALE**
WINE PILOT
- This vintage strikes out again with surprise and intrigue, just when you think the S+S winemaking team have got the recipe right, the vineyard shows you another side entirely. Here it's witches brew of jarred and dried aromatica. Blackberries, dark cherries, juniper and sloe berries. A bouquet of garrigue herbs, pine and poppy seeds. There is a harmony between the dark fruit and ripe herbal notes. Its a different shape entirely than what's come before it and i'm feelin it. Savoury oak tannins support the woody style of black fruit. It's a very tailored wine and has found a nice balance in a very cool vintage. Striking harmony between spice, cassis and oak. A hint of medicinal, and a luxurious almost syrupy in its richness on the palate. Serious stuff. This would be ideal with pink lamb and chermoula.
- 95 POINTS**
- CAMPBELL MATTINSON**
THE WINE FRONT
- There's something that feels essentially pinot about this wine. It's the inlay of mineral and graphite amid the undergrowth and spice notes, all of which are part of the general wash of black cherry. It's a silken release, of medium intensity, with fine-grained tannin and an impressive push of complex flavour through the finish. This wine's earthen/undergrowth aspect is both well played, and a key feature. There's no real x-factor to this release but everything does feel in excellent order.
- 94 POINTS**
- WINSOR DOBBIN**
GOURMET ON THE ROAD
- (T)he 2023 Pinot Noir walks a tightrope of fruit and savoury characters and finishes with delicacy and elegance. (I)ntense, complex fruit flavours, vibrancy and minerality.