

Decanter PANEL TASTING **Australian Pinot Noir**

The below review is an extract from Decanter Magazine (Jan 2015 issue) from an article focused purely on Australian Pinot Noirs from Victoria, Tasmania & Adelaide Hills. 71 wineries submitted their Pinot Noirs for peer review by Decanter; only 4 wines were awarded the top rating of **Outstanding**, with the **Curly Flat 2012 Pinot Noir** being awarded the highest individual score of **95+**.

CURLY FLAT, Macedon Ranges 2012

Decanter average score: 18.75/20pts (95+/100pts)

Individual judges' scores: Roger Jones 19 Justin Knock 19 Anthony Rose 18.5

Curly Flat has long been on the radar of followers of great Australian Pinot Noir. The vineyard is a closely managed and carefully established small operation on the fringe of the Lancefield township in the Macedon Ranges and everything has been done to ensure that quality control rests in the hands of the estate. In 2006 it eschewed any herbicides and pesticides in the vineyard, a move that required nerves of steel in such a marginal climate. The near-ideal conditions of the 2012 growing season for vines that are approaching their first plateau of maturity have delivered a wine that rewards much of the work and lessons learned in previous seasons.

Roger Jones "Very controlled nose. On the palate we have an amazingly lingering Pinot that delivers a long, seductive palate, gentle and reserved. A very fine wine which will age gracefully. Fantastic; oozes class."

Justin Knock MW "Alluring perfume: shy and interesting. Complex poached strawberry and cranberry palate laced with fennel and five spice. Delicate and harmonious, unfolding gradually with a building presence. Lovely, beautiful, elegant wine. Truly ethereal."

Anthony Rose "Distinctive black pepper, floral and cinnamon nose. Elegant mulberry palate that could almost be northern Rhône. Super-juicy fresh succulence, elegance and weight with real finesse behind the tannins."



The Top Four Australian Pinot Noirs from Decanter Magazine

- Curly Flat 2012 Pinot Noir, Macedon Ranges - 95+ Points
- By Farr Farrside 2012 Pinot Noir, Geelong - 95 Points
- Gembrook Hill 2012 Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley - 95 Points
- Pikes and Joyce 2012 Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills - 95 Points