



## 2023 OLD VINE PINOT MEUNIER

The Millers Burgundy vineyard, first planted in 1868, is made up of mostly Pinot Meunier and a little Pinot Noir. This unique vineyard block is treated with meticulous care and in good vintages this block is made into a 'single vineyard' wine.

The Best's Old Vine Pinot Meunier is the ultimate wine that speaks of place, and it has a cult following, particularly in the wine community and the trade where people understand how rare this varietal planting is.

### Technical Details

**Growing Region** Great Western, Victoria

**Grape Variety** Pinot Meunier

**Pick date:** 10/03/2023

**Bottle date:** 21/12/2023

**Alcohol** 12.0%

**Winemaker** Jacob Parton

**Winemaking** The grapes are hand-picked, hand-sorted, and fermented in small open-top fermenters with 25% whole bunch. Wine was left on skins for up to 15 days, basket pressed, then matured in French oak barriques for 9 months, 15% new oak and 85% aged in 2-5 year old oak.

### Tasting Notes

**Colour** Ruby red in colour, with purple hues.

**Bouquet** Uplifted bunchy blue fruits, with orange citrus notes, and Campari characters.

**Palate** Medium-bodied, with bright primary red fruits. The palate is filled with notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry, and blood orange. Mid-palate filled with grapefruit rind, and spice. Good acidity, and tannin balance which extends the palate. Great drinking young enjoyed young in 2 years or could age for up to 15 years. Best paired with cured meats.

**Vintage** Vintage 2023 began with a very wet spring. Rain and cool temperatures were the theme up until Christmas. Into the new year the rain ceased, and some warmer weather followed. The 2023 vintage was long and late with the Pinot Meunier grapes being harvested in early March. This long cool vintage allowed fruit flavours to mature, while natural acidity was retained.





# REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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**Halliday Wine Companion 2025** – Cambell Mattinson, January 2024

This release has its cards kept close to its chest. It's floral and strawberried and earthen, with potpourri and general (dried) herb notes littered throughout. It's also strung with fine-grained, minerally tannin, which, combined with the wine's herbal, tonic-like notes, is the perfect foil to the prettiness of the florals. And yet still it feels as though we're dealing with an infant here; it hasn't yet properly bloomed. When it does, it will be beautiful. This is on its way to being light, lacy and lovely, the latter from myriad angles. Drink from 2026 to 2036. **Rating: GOLD 95 points**

**The Real Review-** Huon Hooke, 30th January 2025

Medium- full colour with a faint tint of purple in the meniscus. A basket of fragrant herbs and red fruits greets the nose: red cherry, raspberry and strawberry included. The wine is supremely elegant in the mouth, intense and focused, finely grained tannins supporting the ethereal fruit, acidity cleansing the finish. A lovely wine, still young, promising much more if left in the cellar for a few more years. Drink 2026- 2038. **Rating 94/100**