

SVA Pinot Noir

It was a battle between Orange (NSW) and Tasmania this year, with the Victorians close, but not close enough. As its pinot noir vines mature, Orange is staking a strong claim for similar recognition to that earned by regions like Mornington Peninsula, Yarra Valley and Tasmania. It is certainly a region to watch.



2018 Colmar Estate Block 1 Orange Pinot Noir The nose is fragrant, tending to red fruits with floral nuances. There's also a faint hint of cinnamon. Although the palate isn't big and obvious, it's impressively long and the tannins are delightfully fine. (\$45.00 – Not yet released) ★★★★★

2017 Bream Creek Reserve Tasmania Pinot Noir A substantial pinot noir with plummy fruit and a little funky complexity. Nonetheless it shows strong varietal character, and is very well balanced. Give it a few years. (\$65.00 – Not yet released) ★★★★★

2017 Freycinet Tasmania Pinot Noir The cherry fruit is backed up by slightly toasty French oak. Although savoury rather than plush, the palate is long and satisfying. (\$65.00) ★★★★★
http://www.freycinetvineyard.com.au/order_now/order_now.html

2018 Colmar Estate Block 3 Orange Pinot Noir An attractive cherry style of pinot noir that is supple and very drinkable. It needs a little more fruit weight. ★★★★★

2018 Paringa Estate Robinson Single Vineyard Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir Perfumed aromas of strawberry and plum are enhanced by a touch of oak. The palate delivers good fruit weight, but is slightly hard on the finish. ★★★★★

2017 Rikard Black Label Orange Pinot Noir A complex pinot noir with stemmy and mushroom overtones. The palate is delicate but long, with fine tannins. ★★★★★

2018 Home Hill Kelly's Reserve Tasmania Pinot Noir This wine shows attractive red fruits backed up by mushroom and stalk. The palate is plush and well balanced. ★★★★★

2017 Crittenden Estate The Zumma Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir Fragrant cherry aromas are enhanced by suggestions of stems and tilled earth. The palate offers plenty of slightly developed flavour. ★★★★★

2017 Santolin Gladysdale Yarra Valley Pinot Noir A complex wine combining red fruits and charcuterie characteristics. With a little more intensity, it would have rated even more highly. ★★★★★

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