

Anthem Pinot Noir

2021



95 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com

July 2024

The bouquet is both vibrant and pure, a core of plush, ripe red berry fruit scents and flavours are held in place with tannins and acidity showing their own energy and power. As the wine touches the palate the tannins show their muscle first with a savoury dried herb layer yet long in focus, and easily absorbed by the fruit flavours. Dark cherry and red currant flavours, some plum and raspberry. The oak delivers complexity and baking spice flavours, a touch of smoke and frames the wine well. Youthful, complex and lengthy with best drinking likely from 2027 through 2037.

94 POINTS

Anne Krebiehl MW | Decanter

July 2024

The vividly aromatic notes of Morello cherry, suffused with the gorgeous pepperiness of rain-wet briar hedges, immediately signal the poise and red-fruited nature of Gibbston. The fruit is ripe, absolutely juicy but remains wonderfully translucent, with every berry and cherry nuance, every shimmer of spiciness, highlighted by brilliant acidity and supported by silk chiffon tannins. The inclusion of 50% whole bunches in the ferment and masterfully integrated use of low-toasted oak only help to heighten the delicacy of this Pinot.

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James Suckling | jamesuckling.com

November 2024

So much rose petal and hibiscus with some stem as well as perfectly ripe strawberries. This has medium body and refined tannins that are creamy and round, focusing at the end with just a bit of sweet and subtle fruit. Drink or hold.

95 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | realreview.com

August 2024

Delicately scented wine with an appealing floral lift together with a suggestion of fresh herbs and spices. Complex wine with a silken texture that is a pleasure to taste. Should develop well in the medium term.

94 POINTS

Erin Larkin | Wine Advocate

June 2025

The 2021 Anthem Pinot Noir is from Gibbston. The wine is floral and perfumed on the nose, and the palate follows in a neat two-step formation. The fruit is capacious and ample, but it is held together by very fine tannins. This lingers and flows and feels both sappy and ductile. It's excellent. 13.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.

5 STARS

Michael Cooper | MA ONZM

July 2024

Showing distinct Gibbston sub-regional characteristics, the perfumed, elegant, supple 2021 vintage is a single vineyard red, hand-picked from 21-year-old vines. Matured for 11 months in French oak barriques (35 per cent new), it was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Deep ruby, it is mouthfilling, vibrant and savoury, with fresh acidity and deep, ripe cherry, plum, spice and herb flavours, that build to a long, harmonious, finely structured finish. A youthful, vigorous, multi-faceted wine, it should break into full stride from 2026 onwards.