

The Wine for Turkey: New World Pinot Noir

After a generation of experimentation (often with multiple wines, and including some oddball essays such as Alsace Pinot Gris), New World Pinot Noir has emerged as the top wine to accompany the Christmas turkey: it has the savouriness to work perfectly with not just the turkey but stuffing, sausages, etc.; the ripeness to stand up to the sweet elements (like cranberry sauce); and it's light enough to enjoy in a little more than moderation. So here are three, all with some bottle age, at different budget points for your consideration.



Domaine Des Dieux, Josephine Pinot Noir, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, South Africa, 2020, 13.5%

Bottle £18.95 6 bottles with 10% off £102.33 Code DDD620

The Hemel-en-Aarde valley has long been known for high quality Chardonnay and Pinot (think Hamilton Russell and Bouchard Finlayson). Des Dieux is one of the newer estates at the top of the valley where it's drier and cooled by winds from the ocean and the clouds which cling to the Babylon's Toren mountain. As the vines reach maturity the Pinot has become more refined. A rich, velvety example, with overt raspberry and cherry fruit, wrapped in mocha-scented oak. Lots of appealing fat and fine acidity. Terrific aromatics on a long finish. Classy and complete. Now-2026



Hoddles Creek, 1er Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, Australia, 2019, 13.2% [Screwcap]

Bottle £33.95 6 bottles with 10% off £183.33 Code HOD819

Here is winemaker Franco d'Anna's commentary: "The 2019 1er Pinot Noir will go down as one of the classics, with lots of perfume and structure". With a mad pastiche of an old-fashioned, Burgundian label, this is a splendid, voluptuous PN, with winemaker Franco d'Anna using about 25% whole bunch fermentation, which he thinks makes "the wines finer and the tannins more pure". Mushroom accents on a fragrant, perfumed nose. A complex wine with real persistence and drive. Now-2027

"A wine of remarkable value and world class quality – if you're a lover of Pinot Noir then this is a must buy. This is Australian Pinot Noir at its very best", Garry Walsh, *The Wine Front*.

"Violets, mushrooms with a real undertow of something quite nuanced. Light tannins and admirably persistent. 17/20. Drink 2021-2025", Jancis Robinson, jancisrobinson.com, May 2021

Felton Road, Cornish Point Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand, 2020,

14% [Screwcap]

Bottle £52.50
6 bottles with 10% off £283.50
Code FET720

Cornish Point is a vineyard almost surrounded by water, on loess soils over gravel. Owner Nigel Greening refers to the "exoticism" of this wine.

"Rich, generous red fruit with clove spice from oak. Earth and beetroot on the nose – pleasingly multi-dimensional, and there is loads of persistence too. A great example of satisfying young Pinot that should age for 20 years or more. 17.5/20", Richard Hemming MW, jancisrobinson.com, 17th January 2023



Big Festive Tasting

Thursday 30th November, 5.30-8.15pm

Venue: Milner Hall, 9 St Peter Street,
Winchester SO23 8BW

Our Big Festive Tasting will deliver all the wines you need for December and the New Year: sparkling wine & Champagne: a wide range of whites; reds from simple quaffers to picks from Italy and the new world and spreads of Bordeaux and Rhône varieties; plus those delectable sweet and fortified wines which are such a part of the festivities. Please sign up for this walk round tasting of around 35-40 wines in this beautifully renovated and lit former 18th century church.

We are charging a mere £15.00 a ticket for the tasting, which earns you 10% off any bottle price for any wine in the tasting, for all orders placed on the evening.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling 01962 712351 or emailing sales@stonevine.co.uk – or order tickets from our website.