

Decanter

Tasted by Matthew Luczy (at Los Angeles, 16 Oct 2020)



Pilcrow, Granite Lake, Napa Valley, Howell Mountain, 2018

Points 95

Dramatically darker and more intense on the nose, very clearly stating its rustic, Howell Mountain origins. Cigar box, charcoal and black currants on the nose. The texture is a step up in richness and concentration from the other Pilcrow Cabernets, but loses no grace, restraint and purity. A very long, powdery and persistent finish. As simply delicious as it is heady and complex.

Drinking Window 2024 – 2042



Pilcrow, Hillwalker, Napa Valley, Mt Veeder, 2018

Points 94

The woody ruggedness typical of Mount Veeder is on display, albeit through a mellow, slow-burning lens. Black cherries, pomegranates and bay laurel on the nose. The palate is satin at first, transitioning to a subtle, precise graininess on the finish. As with the entire trio of Pilcrow Cabernets, there is a frank, direct quality here that is charming and energising.

Drinking Window 2024 – 2037



Pilcrow, Ghost Block, Napa Valley, Yountville, 2018

Points 94

Right out of the gate this is strikingly pure, floral and succulent on the nose, showing aromas of fresh roses, cherry blossoms and sandalwood. Red-fruited and bright on the palate, there is an authenticity and definition throughout the texture that is refreshing and captivating. It finishes with an ethereal, clean tannin structure. A candid and genuine expression of Yountville.

Drinking Window 2024 – 2037