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ADELAIDE HILLS - SOUTH AUSTRALIA

K1 Pinot Noir 2002

Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir has long been respected as the best that S.A. can produce and this stunning example from the Kuitpo region takes that quality to another level.

An amazing nose that has a cavalcade of aromas keeps you riveted, almost making you forget to take a sip! Fruit characters of black cherry, plum and tamarillo are followed with Middle Eastern spices of clove, star anise and cinnamon; some delicate marjoram and bay leaf also manage to poke their way in. These are replicated as the juicy and expressive palate that actually feels alive in the mouth. Very fine tannins bring softness and harmony to the mouthfeel, with the finish being accentuated and lifted by the great natural acid. Residual 'tingling' in the cheeks enhances the enjoyment and leaves a lasting impression of finesse.

We have no doubt that this wine, though enjoyable now, will continue to improve over the coming years and is destined to become truly great in 6-8 years.

Variety:	100% Pinot Noir 5 Clones blended D5V12, D4V2, Mariafeld, GM18 & G8V7
Region:	100% Adelaide Hills
Harvest:	Handpicked in the last two weeks of March 2002
Winemaking:	Various treatments to each clone
Alcohol:	13.5% alc/vol
Total acidity:	6.1g/L
pH:	3.52
Residual sugar:	2.0 mg/L
Total sulphur dioxide:	80 mg/L

Accolades

- Silver Medal - Winewise Small Vigneron Award 2003
- Bronze Medal - Adelaide Hills Wine Show 2003
- 92 points - Philip White, The Advertiser February 2004
-  <<<<<< - Winestate Magazine May/June Issue
- RATING 87 - James Halliday's 2005 Wine Companion
- Bronze Medal - Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2004

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