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ADELAIDE HILLS - SOUTH AUSTRALIA



K1 Merlot 2002

Previously there were only small amounts of Merlot grown in Australia and most of it was used in blends with Cabernet Sauvignon. More recently Merlot is gaining in popularity particularly because of its softness and the early drinking ability.

This wine is the latest of the new K1 releases making a much anticipated debut in February 2004, showing that this variety can be exceptional when guided by great viticulture and passionate wine making.

The K1 Merlot from the Adelaide Hills Kuitpo Vineyard has deep red crimson hues with a complex bouquet of lifted black cherries and fruitcake characters. It has a sophisticated palate with earthy nuances and very refined velvety tannins on the finish.

Variety: 100% Merlot
Clone D3V14 on Teleki 5C Rootstock

Region: 100% Adelaide Hills

Harvest: 3rd week of April 2002.

Winemaking: Matured for 24 months in oak, in 80% French barriques and 20% American hogsheads. 40% new oak, and 60% second use.

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| Alcohol: | 13.4% alc/vol |
| Total acidity: | 6.1 g/L |
| pH: | 3.46 |
| Residual Sugar: | 1.5mg/L |
| Total sulphur dioxide: | 93 mg/L |

Accolades

91 points - Philip White, The Advertiser, February 2004

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Bronze medal - Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2004

Silver medal - The International Wine and Spirit Competition

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