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ADELAIDE HILLS - SOUTH AUSTRALIA



K1 Merlot 2003

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. Merlot in the Adelaide Hills is often low cropping which results in a smooth full bodied wine with good colour.

The 2003 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.

Although this wine is drinking superbly at present, if cellared for then next 5-10 years it will develop complex savory characters that will reward those who wait.

Variety:	100% Merlot Clone D3V14 on Teleki 5C Rootstock
Region:	100% Adelaide Hills (Single Vineyard)
Harvest:	First week of April 2003
Winemaking:	Matured for 24 months in oak, in 80% French barriques and 20% American hogsheads. 40% new oak, and 60% second use.
Alcohol:	13.6% alc/vol
Total acidity:	6.5 g/L
pH:	3.50
Residual Sugar:	3.1 mg/L
Total sulphur dioxide:	115 mg/L

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