



ADELAIDE HILLS

## Merlot 2004

In Australia the popularity of varietal Merlot is a relatively recent phenomenon. Often blended with Cabernet Sauvignon to soften the Cabernet's firmer tannins. Merlot in the Adelaide Hills is often low cropping which results in a smooth, full-bodied varietal wine with great colour.

The 2004 K1 Merlot from the Adelaide Hills Kuitpo Vineyard has deep red crimson hues with a complex bouquet of lifted mulberry and plum characters. These flow onto the palate which is rich, multilayered and mouthfilling. Underlying earthy nuances and super-refined velvety tannins follow through to the finish.

Although this wine is drinking superbly at present, if carefully cellared for then next 4-8 years it will develop complex savory characters that will reward those who wait.



### Winemaking

Variety	Merlot, clone D3V4
Region:	100% K1 Vineyard
Harvest:	Picked first week April 2004
Winemaking:	Matured for 18ths in 80% French barriques, & 20% American Hogsheads. 30% new oak, and 70% aged between 2 and 5 years.
Alcohol:	13.6 % alc/vol
Total acidity:	6.4 g/L
pH:	3.43
Residual sugar:	2.5 g/L