



ADELAIDE HILLS

Merlot 2005

In Australia the popularity of varietal Merlot is a relatively recent phenomenon. Merlot in the Adelaide Hills is often low yielding which results in a smooth, full-flavoured wine with bold colour.

The 2005 K1 Merlot is a dense, bright garnet hue with a lifted bouquet of mulberry and stewed quince, strengthened by deep beef stock and black pepper scents. 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 5-8 years it will develop complex savoury characters to reward those who wait.



Winemaking

Variety	Merlot, clone D3V4
Region:	100% K1 Vineyard
Harvest:	Picked first week April 2005
Winemaking:	Matured for 18ths in 80% French barriques, & 20% American Hogsheads. 30% new oak, and 70% aged between 2 and 5 years.
Alcohol:	14.9 % alc/vol
Total acidity:	6.6 g/L
pH:	3.52
Residual sugar:	2.5 g/L

Accolades

90 Points

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