



ADELAIDE HILLS

## Merlot 2006

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 dense colour.

The 2006 K1 Merlot displays a lifted bouquet of damsons and black cherry, with savoury notes of toasted cashews and hints of middle eastern spice. These follow onto the palate which is rich, multilayered and mouth filling. Silky tannins coat the palate enhancing the finish of this wine.

Although this wine is drinking superbly at present, if carefully cellared for the next 5-8 years it will develop complex characters to reward those who wait.



### Winemaking

Variety: Merlot, clone D3V4  
Region: 100% K1 Vineyard  
Harvest: Picked 2nd April 2006  
Winemaking: Matured for 18ths in 80% French barriques, & 20% American Hogsheads. 30% new oak, and 70% aged between 2 and 5 years.  
Alcohol: 13.9 % alc/vol  
Total acidity: 6.3 g/L  
pH: 3.45  
Residual sugar: 2.0 g/L

### Accolades

**92 Points**  
Wine Business Monthly, March 2009  
(Nick Stock & Tyson Stelzer)

**Gold Medal**  
International Wine Challenge 2009