



Cellar Reserve Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2006

This PENFOLDS Cellar Reserve Pinot Noir style continues to evolve. Using a selection from high altitude, cool climate Adelaide Hills vineyards, a major winemaking objective is to craft a wine that is both complex while young, and yet has the capacity to evolve and mature admirably.

This release was hand picked and the various parcels were cold-soaked for four days prior to a natural fermentation using 20% whole bunches with no pressings included. The base wines remained on gross lees without SO2 in 20% new, 26% one year old, 42% four year old and 12% five year old French oak barrels. The wine was then bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.



VINEYARD REGION	Adelaide Hills
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The Adelaide Hills experienced early spring frosts which threatened the overall yield. Summer was cool, allowing the grapes more time to ripen on the vine, gaining considerable flavour. Late season rain raised the spectre of disease but it was well controlled.
GRAPE VARIETY	Pinot Noir
MATURATION	This wine was matured in seasoned French oak for nine months.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.50% Acidity: 5.90g/L pH: 3.79
LAST TASTED	5.11.2007
PEAK DRINKING	Now to 2012
FOOD MATCHES	Ideal with duck and game.

COLOUR

NOSE

PALATE

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago - PENFOLDS Chief Winemaker

Deep crimson red (unfiltered).

The nose is evocative and attention seeking with complex varietal notes meshed with scents of charcuterie, Xmas ham and spices. A slight, barely discernible oak char sits well with the Kirsch, beetroot and rhubarb aromatics and a background whiff of ripened (canned Italian) tomato pulp.

The palate shows darker Pinot Noir elements; complex olive, soy and ink. Dark cherry, chocolate, smoked meat and liqueur cherry flavours arise in the glass with air. This wine will have a long life, implied by the tightly structured and focussed palate underpinned by an excellent acid backbone...and firm, yet fine and even, integrated tannins.

The 10th release of this label will not disappoint - it is as focussed and impressive as any of its progeny to date!