



The Penfolds Cellar Reserve Pinot Noir was first created in 1997. Fruit is sourced from the Adelaide Hills wine district, with small parcels from Eden Valley in some years. Grapes are hand-picked before being sent to Magill Estate for vinification in small open wax-lined fermenters. Up to 30% whole bunches are used with the remaining fruit crushed over the top. The grapes are cold soaked for several days before a naturally occurring fermentation takes hold. The skins are hand plunged (pigeage) several times a day before being run into French oak barriques. No pressings are included.

The final percentage of new oak varies from vintage to vintage, and a meticulous barrel cull ensures only the finest barrels are included in the final blend. The Cellar Reserve Pinot Noir has generous varietal fruit aromatics and flavour with the structure to reward further careful bottle maturation.

REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES

CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR 1997 - 2011

1997 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson. Leafy, forest floor, red cherry, roasted hazelnut aromas with silage, leather notes. Supple, red cherry, strawberry, silage, sage flavours and chalky dry tannins. Finishes chalky firm and savoury. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now



1998 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Complex, earthy, roasted nuts, redcurrant, leafy aromas with some herb garden, barnyardy notes. Well-concentrated earthy, roasted nuts, redcurrant flavours with some spicy notes and plentiful but hard tannins. Finishes leafy dry. Drink now.

Drinking Window: Now

1999 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Redcurrant, leafy, silage, vanilla aromas and flavours, chalky/fine-grained tannins and underlying savoury oak. Finishes firm with fruit-sweet, sappy, gamey notes. Drying out now. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

2000 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh lifted aniseed, tarry, leafy, dark chocolate aromas with polished leather notes. Sweet-fruited, slightly soupy wine with deep-set praline, red fruits, herbal/sappy flavours and pronounced chocolatey tannins. Finishes leafy and long. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now

2001 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Mature deep crimson. Very fragrant, complex aromas of strawberry, earth, apricot and herb garden with touches of dried roses/violet notes. Strawberry, cedar, spicy flavours and strong dry graphite tannins. Finishes savoury, sweet and long with some sappy notes. Very enjoyable to drink now.

Drinking Window: Now



2002 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant herb garden, leafy, aniseed, red fruit aromas with cut roses, espresso notes. Quite stinky flavoured, but it has its charm with dried roses, herb notes, plenty of mid-palate richness and fine plentiful, chalky tannins. Builds up leafy, dry and minerally at the finish. Interesting rather than beautiful. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

2003 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium crimson to brick red. Developed earthy, pond water, prune, red cherry aromas. Well-concentrated, slightly soupy wine with earthy, prune flavours, some leafy notes and chocolatey, touch grippy tannins. Acidity pokes out at the finish but long and flavourful.

Drinking Window: Now

2004 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium crimson. Complex strawberry, coffee, tobacco aromas with a hint of apricot and chinotto. Developed strawberry, cola flavours with spicy, vanilla notes and loose-knit but chalky dry tannins. Finishes firm/al dente but with good flavour length. Very complex and interesting wine.

Drinking Window: Now

2005 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant red cherry, chocolate aromas with espresso and toasted chestnut notes. Red cherry, roasted chestnut, leafy flavours, fine, touch al dente, chalky tannins and marked acidity. Finishes minerally and long. Quite chunky and robust in structure. Drink now.

Drinking Window: Now



2006 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson. Red cherry, leafy aromas with a touch of spice, vanilla oak. Lovely fresh, generous and complex with red cherry, strawberry flavours and underlying spicy vanilla nuances. A rich and impactful midpalate with plentiful slinky, touch gritty, tannins and a long sweet, slightly sappy finish. Drink now or soon.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2015

2007 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium crimson. Classic red cherry, violet, sappy, meaty aromas. Very complex and tightly structured with red cherry, woody flavours, plentiful but hard tannins and fresh but striking acidity. Finishes firm and tight with some strawberry, brambly notes.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

2008 CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant pure strawberry aromas with sage, spice, praline notes. Well-concentrated strawberry flavours with varnish, leafy, spicy nuances, plenty of sweet fruit and plentiful lacy dry tannins. Finishes long, sweet and supple.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2016

2009 CELLAR RESERVE ADELAIDE HILLS PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep crimson purple. Fresh violet, dark cherry, praline, sage aromas with underlying vanilla. Smooth supple wine with dark cherry, praline, herb flavours and vanilla, spice nuances and fine-grained texture. Finishes chalky and long. Lovely weight and extract. Drink now or later.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018



2010 CELLAR RESERVE ADELAIDE HILLS PINOT NOIR

Medium-deep purple to crimson. Fresh red cherry, praline, vanilla aromas with chinotto notes. Well-concentrated red cherry, praline flavours, vanilla, malty notes, plentiful chalky tannins and fresh mineral acidity. Finishes long and flavourful with some dried roses/herb nuances.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2022

2011 CELLAR RESERVE ADELAIDE HILLS PINOT NOIR

Medium-light purple to crimson. Fragrant, red cherry, leafy aromas with vanilla, ginger oak notes. Well-concentrated red cherry, vanilla, spicy flavours, fine, lacy, touch metallic tannins and tangy acidity. Finishes chalky with medium length and intensity. Drink now.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2015

