

## winestate regional tasting **adelaide hills**

### pinot noir

15 TASTED  
6 RECOMMENDED

Some good wines here but the judges expected more from this region. Too many big, overripe, dry reds instead of pinots.



#### **Nepenthe Charleston Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2005 ★★★★★**

"Very feminine," said one judge of this nose. Perfumed aromas lead to a very nice cherry fruit palate balanced by leathery/mocha characters. \$22.99

#### **Tomich Hill Lenswood Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2005 ★★★★★**

Funky, stewed rhubarb nose and a very pure varietal fruit palate with nicely controlled oak, perfectly complemented by earthy/barnyard characters. \$20

#### **Mt Bera 3.13 Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2005 ★★1/2**

Projects aromas of rhubarb and black cherries with a hint of tar. Palate is big, earthy and gamey. "A wonderfully complex wine." \$25

#### **Wolf Blass Gold Label Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2006 ★★★**

Nose of aniseed and black pepper - nice earthy character. Complex red fruit palate with velvety tannins. \$21.99

#### **d'Arenberg The Feral Fox Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2005 ★★★**

Powerful oaky nose with a black cherry lift. Palate big on everything - fruit, oak and tannins - but all in balance. \$25

#### **K1 by Geoff Hardy Gold Label Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2005 ★★★**

Complex nose; gamey with hints of raspberries. Restrained, elegant blackcurrant palate has a meaty edge. \$28 CD

### other red varietals & blends

11 TASTED  
11 RECOMMENDED

A strong and consistent class of interesting Italian and French varietals. Excellent potential, with winemakers offering true-to-form varietal characters.



#### **Coriole Vineyards Adelaide Hills Nebbiolo 2005 ★★★★★**

Complex, earthy, leathery nose with underlying spicy fruit. Very nice licoricey palate; savoury and intense, with huge tannin structure. Needs time to shine. \$29

#### **Protero Gumeracha Adelaide Hills Red Blend 2005 ★★★★★**

Dark, inky wine with big, rich, jammy/licorice nose and a remarkably soft palate with perfect fruit ripeness and nice meaty/smoky notes. \$25



#### **The Pawn Excelsior Adelaide Hills Petit Verdot 2004 ★★★★★**

Very vibrant, aromatic, plummy bouquet leading to a powerful black fruit palate supported by fine tannin structure. An easy-drinking style popular with consumers. \$25