

merlot & blends

19 TASTED
4 RECOMMENDED

Less green fruit wines here compared with previous tastings - but still too many. The best of these showed true varietal red plum fruit with complementary tannins that were firm but ripe.



**McIvor Creek
Limited Release
Heathcote Merlot
2004 ★★★★★**

Has a rich, ripe satsuma plum-like bouquet with quite a savoury edge. Excellent palate with a generous dollop of sweet fruit balanced by toasty oak and firm acidity and supported by silky tannins. \$19.90



**Mt Bera 4.23 Reserve
Adelaide Hills Merlot
2004 ★★★**

A soft and gentle wine with reasonably fresh violet-like fruit and plenty of flavour depth and length. \$20

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Valley Merlot
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