

PINOT NOIR

There are some great pinot noir fans (and some barbarians) on the panel. Len, Lester and Phil are committed pinotphiles, and all three agree that our market is well-served by small producers at the moment. The top wine is very special - Burgundy premier cru, we'd suggest.

Outstanding

2005 Yering Station Yarra Valley Reserve

Here's a wine with that "certain something". The nose is more than just primary red fruits. It has the multiple nuances that good burgundy always possesses. The palate is long and silky, but not soft, built on a foundation of very fine but persistent tannins and top-class oak.

\$64.00

13.5% Screwcap

Highly Recommended

2005 Cloudy Bay Marlborough One of New Zealand's most under-rated pinots, this wine shows well year in, year out. The dark cherry fruit is downright voluptuous, the oak is perfectly integrated and the tannins are very supple. Delicious.

\$45.00

14.0% Screwcap

2005 Nautilus Marlborough The fruit is very fresh and attractive, in the cherry-raspberry range. The palate has weight, length and structure. A very well made pinot noir.

\$37.00

13.5% Cork

2005 Henschke Giles Lenswood Pinot Noir A fragrant, spicy pinot (there's even a hint of violets). The palate is supple and silky, with long red berry flavour. Classy.

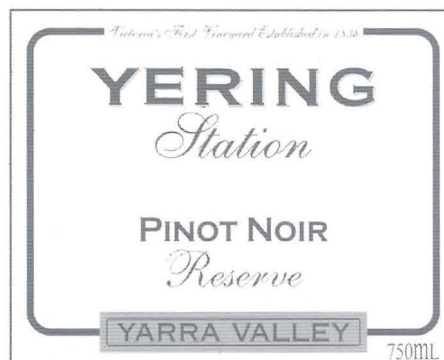
\$46.00

14.0% Screwcap

2005 Scorpo Mornington Peninsula Youthful and cherry-like, rich and fruity. A little simple at the moment, but the tannin structure and acidity will allow it to develop complexity in bottle.

\$38.00

14.0% Diam Cork



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