MORE THAN \$40 SCORPO PINOT NOIR 2009 \$45

SCORPO at Merricks on the Mornington Peninsula produces terrific pinot noir, with the '09 bolder than normal, more a reflection of the warm vintage but still poised and very appealing. It opens up beautifully to reveal a fragrant nose all exotic spice, eucalypt and ripe, dark cherry fruit that follows through on the palate. There is plenty of cleansing, tangy acidity and alluring, earthy, forestfloor nuances, with ripe tannins and some grip on the finish. Best to decant and enjoy this now with food or cellar for up to five years.