



MUSEUM: Somerled 2012 Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir - \$48/btl

There are indeed some wonderful pinot noir vineyards in the Adelaide Hills. This wine is made from a lovely vineyard near Charleston, sloping gently to the east to catch the morning sun. Perfect!

Like our terrific 2010 Pinot, this one was given long barrel aging - 22 months - in order to make sure the soft tannins were well rounded, and so that all the flavours were developed and well-integrated. Lots of barrel time does not mean lots of oak aroma and flavour as the barrels were well matured, having been used 3 or 4 times before. Using older barrels gives all the advantages of barrel aging without smothering delicate wines with oak.



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| Appearance: | Medium-light, vibrant and with very attractive ruby red tints. |
| Nose: | Lifted perfume, leading to deeper black cherry aromas and some subtle oak spice. |
| Palate: | Cherry and pinot strawberry characters follow through to the palate. Flavours are clean and clear. A round full middle palate with very supportive soft tannins. |
| Potential: | Beautiful drinking now and will get better and better over the next 5 or so years, and age gracefully after that. |

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