



2004 THE FERAL FOX PINOT NOIR

Region

Adelaide Hills, South Australia

Variety

Pinot Noir

Maturation

New, 1 and 2 year old French
barriques

Technical Analysis

14.5 %

Background

Since 1912 the Osborn family has tended the 19th century vineyards at their d'Arenberg winery, located in South Australia. Occasionally the family procures top quality fruit from the cool climate Adelaide Hills region, which has become one of Australia's finest Pinot Noir districts.

The feral foxes that inhabit this area have developed an appetite for grapes as a replacement for their old favourite, the local rabbit, whose numbers have reduced substantially in recent years due to the Calici virus. The folks at d'Arenberg, however, are unfazed, as the foxes actually act as crop thinners, which ultimately enhances the quality of those grapes too high to reach.



Tasting Notes

The color is deep bright-red, akin to most good Pinot Noirs. The nose is a fruit bomb showing inviting ripe strawberry, plums and many different spices, including cinnamon, nutmeg, as well as the more savory edges of forest floor.

The taste is immediately silky with spicy sweet glycerol, strawberry and plums growing in intensity to a lush, rich full texture, which in turn leads to a lovely spicy fruit structural tannin, which finally gives into a very long, spicy, strawberry and plum glycerol end.

After time, the whole wine will become one silky, glycerol textured, spicy lush fruit wine with totally integrated tannins.

Additional Notes:

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