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TARRAWARRA TIN COWS MERLOT 2005

Yarra Valley, 14% alcohol, screw cap

92+ points

Once again, here's a dead serious, most unmellow merlot, this time from TarraWarra, a very posh effort in the Yarra, which uses Tin Cows as its second brand.

(They've got arty galvo cattle in their paddock.)

While this lovely drink has all the blueberry, blackberry and mulberry you'd expect of a cool joint merlot, its most alluring aspect is its cloud of perfectly grainy tannin, which casts a sort of Louis Malle haze over the whole damn movie.

