

## Cellar Notes

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### Yarra Valley offers a thrill of decadence.

Many would argue that pinot noir is the grape best suited to Victoria's Yarra Valley. Many also would argue that nowhere in Australia does pinot noir as well as the Yarra. That is more debatable but the region's wines put forward a strong case. Certainly, they have improved considerably over the past decade and there are many more winemakers producing consistently good pinot than ever before. Perhaps occasionally there are better pinots made outside the Valley, although no one region makes as many of the best.

Pinot from the Yarra reflects many of the reasons why this grape has so captured the wine-drinking public's imagination. It can be silky and serene, offer a seemingly gossamer-like structure while backed with a steely support, can linger longer than any grape has a right and, most of all, the best Yarra wines offer that spine-tingling thrill of decadence unique to pinot.

## TARRAWARRA ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2004

A worthy follow-up to the exceptional '03.

One from the rich end of the spectrum but offering everything in balance.

Seamless and with a serious future.

RATING: **93**

