

**Nepenthe  
Charleston Adelaide  
Hills Pinot Noir  
2007 ★★★1/2**

Lifted, complex, brambly nose with good aromatic punch. Fruit-dominated palate has some nice clean and lively acidity. **3-5 \$23.90**

**Fairmont Estate  
Waipara Gladstone  
Pinot Noir 2008 ★★★**

Nose is all oak but there are blackberries below. Generous and intense in the mouth, with a soft texture. \$20

**Selaks Winemakers  
Favourite Central  
Otago Pinot Noir  
2008 ★★★**

Intense, ripe strawberry-like aromas layered with sweet oak. Much the same for the generous palate. **1-2 \$20.99**

**Dashwood  
Marlborough Pinot  
Noir 2008 ★★★**

Brimming over with light, bright summer fruits, supported by sweet, spicy oak and ripe tannins. \$22 (NZ)



**Cahillton deja vu  
Yarra Valley Pinot  
Noir 2008 ★★★**

Vegetal/beetroot nose followed by sweet palate fruits - good intensity. Nice lingering finish. \$22.50

**Sticks Yarra Valley  
Pinot Noir 2008 ★★★**

Vibrant confectionery fruit balanced by crunchy acidity and drying tannins. Good cellaring potential. **3-5 \$22**

**Main Divide  
Canterbury Pinot  
Noir 2008 ★★★**

Earthy nose and stewed rhubarb palate with fine tannins and plenty of length. A touch warm. **5+ \$24.95**

**Saint Clair Family  
Estate Marlborough  
Pinot Noir 2008 ★★★**

Pretty berry fruit touched with dried herbs. Soft in the mouth, with good length of drying tannins. \$24.95



**del Rios Geelong  
Pinot Noir 2005 ★★★**

Nice pinot 'pong' to the nose and a light, simple, sweet/sour palate with a gravelly character. \$21

**pinot noir  
2008**

**\$25 - \$30**

25 TASTED  
17 RECOMMENDED

A huge step up in quality in this price bracket, with greater dimension and layering of flavours. "There is a lot of clonal difference here," noted one judge, "with the latest Dijon clones offering elegance, while the older Australian class giving juicier flavours."



**Drylands Winery  
Marlborough Pinot  
Noir 2008 ★★★★★**

Deep red wine with a brooding nose reminiscent of wild berries and camphor. Elegant palate - masses of fruit and bright acidity supported by soft, fine tannins. Great length. Built to last. **5+ \$25**



**Goaty Hill  
Tasmania Pinot Noir  
2008 ★★★★★**

Quite intense and lifted stewed plum aromas with hints of green olive-like characters. Robust fruit palate but also has elegance and what one judge described as "lovely voluminous tannin". \$29.95



**Margrain  
River's Edge  
Martinborough  
Pinot Noir  
2008 ★★★★★1/2**

Delicate, subtle aromas with just a hint of floral notes. But it's a different story on the soft, generous palate, where there's an explosion of sweet fruit flavours that just keep going. \$28



**Lost Lake  
Single Vineyard  
Pemberton Pinot  
Noir 2008 ★★★★★1/2**

Lovely varietal that is true to style. Herbal/cherry bouquet has savoury notes. Powerful red fruit flavours with stemmy complexity fill the mouth. Great length and texture. \$25

**Villa Maria  
Cellar Selection  
Marlborough Pinot  
Noir 2008 ★★★★★**

Dusty cherry and raspberry fruit with plenty of spice and cedary oak. Lifted bouquet and gentle, elegant, dried fruit palate with plenty of length. **1-2 \$29.99**

**Riposte by Tim  
Knappstein The Sabre  
Adelaide Hills Pinot  
Noir 2008 ★★★★★**

Musky confectionery aromas followed by a good persistence of solid fruit flavours lifted by bright acidity. Has a certain elegance. \$29