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2006 Red Hills Estate

Allen Meadow's Burghound

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92 One of the signature aspects of this vineyard is the very high-density planting, which is the Burgundian equivalent of 12,000 vines/ha, dense even by Cote d' Or standards. A more soil-driven aromatic profile features notably ripe red and blue fruit pinot fruit nuanced by lightly spiced hints that can also be found on the dusty, briar-infused medium full-bodied flavors that coat the mouth with dry extract on the wonderfully long finish. There is good power but also good balance and this should age beautifully. 2012+.

The Wine Spectator

December 15, 2008

91 Firm in structure and generous in flavor, offering tobacco-scented cherry and plum notes, plus hints of nutmeg and coffee. This has all the pieces to come together with time into something special. Best from 2010 through 2016.

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s The Wine Advocate

December 15, 2008

91+ The 2006 Pinot Noir Red Hills Estate was aged for 9 months in 66% new French oak after which it was racked to older barrels for another 6 months. It is a bit muted aromatically but bright red fruits, roses, and mineral emerge. This is followed by a dense, layered, silky wine albeit with some gritty tannin in the finish.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

May/June, 2009

93 Deep, vibrant red. Exotically perfumed aromas of red and black fruit compote, smoky Indian spices and mocha, with a mounting floral quality. Coats the palate with sweet black raspberry and mulberry flavors, with velvety tannins adding support. A big, rich pinot that manages to retain energy and focus, finishing with sappy dark berry flavors and excellent persistence. You could drink this now, without guilt.

International Review of Wines

April 2009, Report 16

90 The 26 acre Red Hills Estate is planted on basaltic, Jory soils between 400' and 600' in Dundee Hills. The wine is aged a total of 14 months in 66 percent new French oak. It has an intriguing nose of spicy dark cherry, animal, dark earth and creosote and is lush and full on the palate with a sweet core of dark cherry fruit and notes of vanilla and sweet oak. Delicious.