



2005 'THE DOGWALK' CABERNET MERLOT

'The Dogwalk' represents the path that Neil Pike and faithful Labrador Bella walk morning and night - come rain, hail or shine - around the Cabernet and Merlot vines at Pikes Estate in the Polish Hill River sub region of the Clare Valley.

Colour: Deep red, purple tints

Aroma: Concentrated aromas of blackcurrant / cassis, black cherry and dark chocolate with just a hint of some classy French oak showing

Palate: the wine has a rich palate that is awash with dark berries and chocolate held together nicely by good acidity and some lovely long, fine tannins. A little charry oak is also just detectable kicking in on the finish.

Summary: Would certainly benefit from cellaring for 4-6 years. I am thinking medium rare spring lamb with this wine.

Technical Information

The Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot

Alcohol: 14.5%

Acidity: 6.15g/l%

pH: 3.57

Food matching: Worth a try with some pecorino cheese.

Optimum Drinking: Drink now and over the next 4-6 years.