

## tasting notes: *Wine Views & Reviews*

### pinot noir



#### Le Vieux Pin

BC

**2005 Belle Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley**—Bold, smoky aromas of toffee, black fruit, and mocha, with violet hints. The full-bodied palate is rich and concentrated, with ripe plum and cherry wrapped in satiny tannins. Supple texture upfront, but firmer on the back end, with lingering toasty oak and spicy cinnamon. Delicious now with barbecued duck, or hold for further discovery. **\$45CDN**

### merlot



#### Le Vieux Pin

BC

**2005 Apogée Merlot, Okanagan Valley**—Smoky, spicy aromas of chocolate, vanilla, cedar, coconut, and bourbon engage your attention. The palate rewards with rich cassis and blackberry flavors and a mocha-laden creaminess. Well balanced by juicy acidity and plush tannins, with a gratifying cassis and cappuccino finish. Much more integrated and supple than six months ago. Should evolve nicely over the next few years. (414 cases made.) **\$65CDN**

### tasting key



Exceptional



Highly Recommended



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