

6. Red (with CG)

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Wine: Zarephath Pinot Noir

Producer: Zarephath, Porongurup, Western Australia

Year: 2004

%: 13.5%

Cost UK: purchased from Sporting Wines, Cheadle Hulme for £9.19 per bottle (actually cheaper than cellar door price)

Cepage: Pinot Noir

Tasting Notes:

(2005 Pinot Noir) Bright ruby red, full bodied. Fresh fruity vibrant nose. The 2007 Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide gives this wine 4 glasses while describing "Red-glare cherries, Asian spice, dry forest undergrowth" with "intense cherry-like flavour" and "fleshy texture." This is a wine that shows why the Porongurup area is becoming famous for its distinctive Pinots.

Drink now or cellar until 2012

Zarephath Wines are made from premium quality fruit grown by members of The Christ Circle, Inc., an independent monastic community. The vineyard and priory are situated at the eastern end of the Porongurup Range, an ancient granite landform in the Great Southern Region of Western Australia. Members of the Community work together in the vineyard, in sales and administration, and in other supporting roles. The intention behind the marketing approach is to offer a spiritual message with the wines, while ensuring that the wines are of the highest quality.