



UPCOMING AUGUST PRICE INCREASES

ances of tropical fruit lingering. Intense aromas of passionfruit and lime.

**Refined**  
**08 Murdoch Hill Adelaide Hills 14**  
 Refined grassiness coupled with an abundance of tropical fruit, lychee and gooseberry aromas. The palate shows crisp acidity with genuine varietal flavours and lively lime finish. Best to date.

**07 Oyster Bay Marlborough 15**  
**08 Shaw & Smith 24**  
**07 Star Bay Marlborough 13**  
**07 Trout Valley Marlborough 14**  
**07 Villa Maria Private Bin 14**  
**07 Waipara Hill Marlborough 16**  
**07 Wither Hills Marlborough 17**

**Pinot Gris/Grigio**  
**07 Clyde Park Geelong 23**  
**07 Foxeys Hangout Mornington 25**  
**06 Nepenthe Adelaide Hills 18**

**Other Whites**  
**08 Chalice Bridge Marg River SSB 14**  
**07 Cullen Margaret River White 20**  
**07 De Iullis Hunter Verdelho 16**

**Delicious**  
**07 Evans & Tate Classic White 12**  
 The nose is fresh and aromatic with grassy, lime zest, and mineral notes that are supported with citrus and gooseberry Semillon characters. A touch of orange blossom and herb adds to complexity. Excellent length, balance and integration.

**06 Henschke Tillys White 13**  
**08 Sandalford Reserve SSB 16**  
**08 Sandalford Reserve Verdelho 16**  
**07 Tahbilk Marsanne 10**  
**07 Voyager Estate Marg River SBS 18**

**Shiraz**  
**04 Bannockburn Geelong 34**  
**05 Barwang Hilltops 14**  
**05 Bowen Coonawarra 20**  
**Beautiful finish**  
**04 Brands Laira 16**  
 The nose displays blood plum fruit with vanilla characters. This elegant wine displays classic cool climate characters of spice with hints of pepper. Cinnamon, mocha and vanilla oak notes combine beautifully and the finish is long with fine, velvety tannins.

**05 KirriHill Langhorne Creek 18**  
**05 Mitchell Peppertree 20**

**Penfolds**  
**91 Grange Bin 91 - lim 585**  
**98 Grange Bin 91 - lim 575**  
**06 Serafino McLaren Vale 20**  
**06 St Hallett Faith 15**  
**04 Tahbilk Nagambie Lakes 14**  
**07 Thorn-Clarke Sandpiper 13**

**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**05 Barwang Hilltops 14**  
**Powerful**  
**06 Bowen Estate 20**  
 The powerful nose displays layers of violet, blackcurrant and mulberry flavours. Lifted oak complements the rich fruit flavours. The palate has excellent weight and assertive tannins. Cellar it.

**00 Geoff Merrill Reserve 24**  
**04 Katnook Estate Coonawarra 30**  
**05 Katnook Founder's Block 16**  
**06 Majella Coonawarra 28**  
**03 Mitchell Sevenhill 20**  
**06 Serafino McLaren Vale 20**  
**06 Thorn-Clarke Sandpiper 13**

**Pinot Noir**  
**06 Curlewis Geelong 34**  
**05 Diamond Valley Blue Label 18**  
**06 Escarpment Martinborough 37**  
**05 Nepenthe Charleston 19**

**Loads of flavours**  
**07 Ninth Island 16**  
 Loads of lifted aromas of strawberries, red and black currants and sweet cranberries. The palate is concentrated and long, with velvety mouth-feel. Sweet fruit on the mid-palate is balanced by satisfyingly integrated tannins on the finish.

**06 Pipers Brook Estate 29**  
**06 Tamar Ridge 19**

**Other Reds**  
**04 Brothers in Arms No 6 18**  
**07 Coriole Sangiovese 16**

**Complex & concentrated**  
**05 Henschke Keyneton Euphonium 30**  
 Spicy sweet aromas of plums, anise, blueberries and cassis with hints of smoky tar, vanilla, cedar and minty nuances. The palate is sweet and ripe with lush blackberry fruits, complex with depth, concentration, velvety, fine-grained tannins and length.

**06 Henschke Henry's Seven SGM 23**  
**06 Thorn-Clarke Shotgun Quartage 17**

**Champagne**  
**05 Campbell's Robbie Burns 17**

HUON HOOKE  
 TASTINGS

WINE OF THE WEEK

Chanson Pere & Fils Le Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2006, \$29

Bollinger has owned Chanson since 1999, boosting its fairly ordinary reputation enormously in that time. Vineyards have been revived and winemaking improved. This is a basic burgundy that punches well above its weight. The colour is medium-full red-purple and the clean, typical pinot nose suggests dark cherry and spices. It has very good weight, grip and flavour for the price. Only about 20 per cent of it saw the inside of a barrel but that's no handicap. A very good wine and a great entry point to start appreciating burgundy. Best now to three or four years. 89/100

**Food** Barbecued quail, roast pigeon or duck, veal sweetbreads, terrine de campagne.



BARGAIN OF THE WEEK

De Bortoli Windy Peak Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2007, \$14

A lovely light, soft, well-balanced quaffer that's not too herbal. The fruit tastes and smells ripe, not green, and the palate is soft without being overtly sweet. It's smooth and easy to enjoy. 87/100

**Food** Most types of salad.



TOP AUSSIE WHITE

Voyager Estate Chardonnay 2006, \$42

The '06 season yielded top chardonnays in Margaret River. This was my favourite in a class of 57 last year. A restrained, finely structured wine, it has understated oak and beautifully refined fruit. 95/100

**Food** Prawn and saffron spaghetti.



INDULGE YOURSELF

Pol Roger Vintage Champagne 1998, \$119

Pol vintage is always great value for money, relatively speaking, and the '98 is especially good. It has a marvellous combination of finesse and complexity. Beautifully balanced, it's one of the more subtle house styles. This is fine champagne. 96/100

**Food** Prawn dumplings.



TOP AUSSIE RED

Kaesler Cabernet Sauvignon 2006, \$25

A gutsy Barossa cabernet, still with varietal signature despite high ripeness and 15 per cent alcohol. Luscious berry style with hints of toasty oak and subtle chocolate and vanilla. Its flavours flood the mouth. 93/100

**Food** Parmesan.

