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Barossa Valley Grenache

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**S.C. Pannell Grenache**  
Vintage 2006 RRP \$55.00

**NS:** Pannell makes McLaren Vale look more elegant than most. This shows terrific density and richness with the ripe plum fruit aromas fresh and direct. Juicy red fruit flavour, sweet spices in the background, this is beautifully balanced, soulful Grenache.

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93  
points**Paxton AAA Grenache Shiraz**  
Vintage 2007 RRP \$23.00

**NS:** Neat, fresh fruits, plenty of spice, pepper and rich dark berry aromas and slightly smoky oak makes for a rounded deal. The palate has density but retains light texture. It's a well made and modern wine with dark berry flavours and fine-grained tannins. Good balance.

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92  
points**St. Hallett GST**  
Vintage 2007 RRP \$30.00

**NS:** A virtually unique Grenache Shiraz Touriga blend with abundant spicy, fragrant lift and ripe cherry fruits—it smells super fresh. Delivers more power than expected, fully integrated and right in the zone.

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93  
points**Samuel's Gorge Grenache**  
Vintage 2005 RRP \$43.00

**TS:** This is an offering for drinkers with the stamina to face steroid-chomping Grenache. It's megalithic, black-fruited and sizzlingly alcoholic, but in the midst of it all, manages to retain some semblance of balance and control. Only seasoned warriors need apply.

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92  
points**Turkey Flat Butcher's Block SGM**  
Vintage 2006 RRP \$30.00

**NS:** Turkey Flat's take on the Barossa red blend shows plenty of ripe fruit and toasty oak, young and complex. The palate is built on commanding, savoury, grippy tannins and strong brooding flavour, finishing with chewy dark fruits.

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93  
points**Sieber Rd GSM**  
Vintage 2006 RRP \$18.00

**TS:** I'd never heard of Sieber Rd before this wine landed in a short list that I was judging for a trophy at the Sydney show this year, but this is one producer that is now firmly on my radar. This spicy, juicy blend tastes of red liquorice sticks with a pulpy orange fruit lift. The value is outstanding.

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92  
points**Yalumba TGV**  
Vintage 2006 RRP \$29.00

**TS:** Tempranillo, Grenache and Viognier were never meant to go together, which makes the synergy and balance of this wine not only unique but quite remarkable. TGV is perfumed, spicy and surprisingly integrated—and it's got super train precision.

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93  
points**Spinifex Papillon**  
Vintage 2007 RRP \$22.50

**NS:** Papillon's the early-drinking blend from Spinifex with bright Grenache fruits, lifted florals and restrained oak. The palate's bristling with life and the tannins are finely tuned, ripe and supple. Loads of charm.

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92  
points**Kaesler Stonehorse GSM**  
Vintage 2006 RRP \$18.00

**NS:** Consistently one of the best value blends from the Barossa with dense dark plum fruits, blackberry, earth and tar. Impresses with depth and weight on the palate, a layer of upbeat flavour, a little musk and fine supple tannins.

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92  
points**Tim Adams The Fergus Clare Valley**  
Vintage 2005 RRP \$21.00

**TS:** Tim Adams has done some fine-tuning trickery on the latest rendition of his suave blend of Grenache, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The result is looking more toned than ever, integrated and self-assured, with palate-gliding succulence.

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92  
points