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## WINE

### Best Buy Wines (Oct/Nov 2009)

Our panel – Max Allen, Peter Bourne, Bob Campbell MW, Peter Forrestal, Huon Hooke and Jeremy Oliver – recommend great-value wines from home and further afield.

#### \$15 AND UNDER

##### 2008 Angove Organic Chardonnay, Riverland, A\$15/NZ\$20

Angove is beginning to turn a healthy shade of green. As well as converting 40 hectares of their Riverland vineyards to certified organic practice, it also runs a 10-hectare biodynamic vineyard in McLaren Vale biodynamically. And while the wine is made from fruit from these vineyards, it has also bought other certified vineyards to release wines under the Angove label. This well-priced chardonnay has the same finesse as well as the ripe, peachy character of a wine from Riverland-grown grapes. MA

##### 2009 Potts Malbec, Langhorne

and yet the Potts Malbec is a quaffing red wine. One of the best in the country.

##### 2009 Kaesler Rizza Riesling, Barossa Valley, A\$15

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#### NOTE

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##### 2008 Yalumba Galway Vintage Traditional Shiraz, South Australia

Yalumba's Galway Claret (as it was then known) was first produced in 1934 by the first governor of South Australia. As an entry level to the Yalumba's impressive range, it sets a high standard with bold, dark-cherry aromas with a hint of spice, dark cherry notes, medium weight, yet flavoursome with sweet, dark-berry fruit, mild tannins and a generous red to partner a meat pie with a good dollop of sauce. PB

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