

88★★★★★
2006 Weeping Sands
Montepulciano, Waiheke Island, NZ\$35
Soft yet tangy red with plum and spice flavours. Attractive wine with appealing freshness and great drinkability. Not a blockbuster style but showing plenty of finesse. Second label of Obsidian Vineyard on Waiheke. 🍷 4



96★★★★★
2002 Peter Lehmann
Margaret Reserve Semillon, Barossa Valley, A\$30
A superb wine: complex with lovely aged character, but this time with a lemon/lime tinge to the buttered-toast bouquet. It's juicy but dry, clean and fresh in the mouth with great intensity, refinement and oodles of character. 🍷 5



87★★★★★
2006 Momo Pinot Noir,
Marlborough, A\$30/NZ\$25
Soft and savoury wine with plum and dark cherry with a touch of pepper. Smooth-textured pinot noir in an elegant style. Made in a bone-dry style. The second label of Seresin Estate. 🍷 4



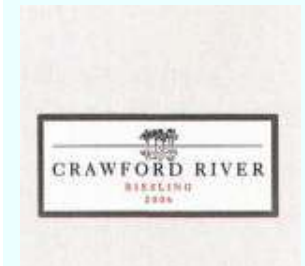
95★★★★★
2006 Ad Hoc Wallflower
Riesling, Mount Barker, A\$18
Ex-Houghton winemaker Larry Cherubino has come up with an exotic style of riesling with aromas of honeysuckle, guava and lime juice. It is very youthful and taut, refined and mineral, with a long finish. It all points towards a long-ageing wine. 🍷 8+



96★★★★★
2002 Brokenwood
ILR Reserve Semillon, Hunter Valley, A\$45
Remarkably slow-ageing for a six-year-old, this still has a pale yellow hue and a bouquet as mineral as crushed rocks. It's light bodied, delicate, crackingly crisp and nervy, with a clean, dry finish. 🍷 8



95★★★★★
2006 Crawford River
Riesling, Henty, A\$35.50
This still has a light yellow colour and a lemon/citrus, floral and herbal nose just starting to show some toast. Very restrained and fine in the mouth; clean, dry and zesty with a faint impression of sweetness that's well within the style. Beautiful riesling. 🍷 8



96★★★★★
2005 Drayton's Susanne
Semillon, Hunter Valley, A\$35
This is a superb, middle-aged semillon in traditional Hunter style with a glowing mid-yellow colour, and a complex lemon-tinged bouquet that's filled out with a touch of bottle-aged character. The flavour is penetrating, powerful and very long. Great wine. 🍷 5



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2007 Krinklewood
Semillon, Hunter Valley, A\$20
From a biodynamic vineyard yielding some of the Hunter's most intense semillon. This gold-medal wine is very fragrant and vital, lean and racy, fine and tangy. It's superb now and should also age well. Just 10.2 per cent alcohol. 🍷 6+



96★★★★★
2005 Jacob's Creek
Steingarten Riesling, Barossa, A\$32
This is outstanding and all the better for a little bottle age. It has a bright light-yellow hue, a toasty, floral nose with some mineral tones and a palate of great harmony and style: driving power, taut structure, endless length, brilliant delicacy. 🍷 5



95★★★★★
2007 Mitchell Watervale
Riesling, Clare Valley, A\$28/NZ\$32
The nose is beautifully expressive and floral, with background lemon and herbal notes. It's a full, rich style that explodes in the mouth: big, deep flavour which is properly dry and very impressive; 2007 was not a subtle year in Clare. 🍷 6

