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This is an absolute riot of a riesling – cold white grapes pop sensuously all over your tongue as you sip – from a dry-grown, low-cropping, hand-picked Clare vineyard. Thirteen bucks? They really *must* be mad at Reilly's. www.reillyswines.com



Harvested before the heatwave that smothered much of South Australia during the second half of vintage, this is classic Clare riesling: green limes, fresh herbs, scrumptious. Drink now or cellar for a decade. At least. www.petaluma.com.au



A welcome addition to the growing band of sweetish-but-crisp, light, Germanic rieslings, this 8.5 per cent alc/vol beauty has finely balanced juicy Tasmanian green apples and lime pith. Steve Lubiana calls it, cutely, the perfect pre-aperitif. www.slw.com.au



Everyone knows that Coonawarra produces good red wines – particularly cabernet sauvignon – but the region also turns out some very schmick savvies. This one has oodles of refreshing lemongrass and passionfruit flavours. www.rymill.com.au



Plenty of lemongrass flavours – typical of sav blanc – in this great-value white from top biodynamic vineyard Cullen, with added richness of flavour thanks to dollops of semillon, chardonnay and verdelho in the blend. www.cullenwines.com.au



This citrusy, savoury semillon from Hilltops, NSW, is supremely elegant and fine. Winemaker Celine Rousseau's apple-fresh 2008 riesling, textural 2008 sav blanc and glistening 2006 chardonnay are also superb. www.chalkerscrossing.com.au



Very smart Margaret River SBS from cutting-edge winemaker Larry Cherubino, blending the grassy aromas of savvy with the richer lemon of semillon. Look out, too, for Larry's terrific 2008 single-vineyard rieslings. www.larrycherubino.com.au



All the 2008 vintage wines from Sam Miranda's King Valley vineyard are lovely – including the tangy pinot grigio and vibrant tempranillo rosé – but I like this taut, green-pear-and-almond flavoured white the most. www.sammiranda.com.au