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## Indulge yourself

### The Yard Chardonnay 2008 ~~\$350~~-\$352

ONCE a key winemaker in Hardys' (now Constellation Wines) West Australian operations, Larry Cherubino now has his own excellent range of wines. This Margaret River chardonnay is a seamless, poised wine combining grapefruit and nectarine flavours with nutty complexities in a creamy-textured, layered, soft wine of real finesse. (13 per cent alcohol; screw cap)

**Ageing?** Drink over three years.

**Food ideas:** Grilled marron, salmon.

**Stockists include:** City Wine Shop

★★★★★ \$\$



### Wirra Wirra RSW Shiraz 2006 ~~\$57~~-\$60

ONE of McLaren Vale's shiraz flagships, Wirra Wirra's RSW continues in fine form with the '06 vintage. It combines lush blackberry and dark-chocolate-like regional cues with a balanced dressing of toasty oak in velvety harmony. There's lovely depth in the mouth and a seamless progression of ripe flavours, supported by fine, ripe tannins. (14.5 per cent alcohol; screw cap)

**Ageing?** Drink over 12 years.

**Food ideas:** Chargrilled veal rib; lamb cutlets with thyme.

**Stockists include:** King & Godfree, Carlton; Nicks, Doncaster East.

★★★★★ \$\$



### Ratings

★★★★★

A superb example, a near perfect wine of great character, worthy of the big occasion and the best company.

★★★★☆

First class, a wine of distinction not far below the top rating.

★★★★

A very good wine of real style and personality.

★★★☆☆

Good quality, a cut above average.

★★★

A sound, agreeable wine without faults or nasty bits.

### Value

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A wine with a price tag that makes it a steal.

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Reasonably priced relative to quality.

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A price tag that stretches things.