



LARRY CHERUBINO THE YARD WHISPERING HILL RIESLING 2008
 96 points, \$25, S 12.1 per cent
 The best of an outstanding trio of rieslings from Cherubino, fermented with indigenous yeasts capable of dealing with a low pH of 2.97. Floral lime-blossom aromas lead into a superb palate that has exceptional thrust and length, lime and passionfruit progressively gaining intensity through to the finish and aftertaste.
 From: Mount Barker, WA
 Drink: Now to 2018 with mild spice Thai dishes
www.larrycherubino.com



GROSSET SPRINGVALE WATERVALE RIESLING 2008
 96 points, \$36, S 13 per cent
 The comparison between Grosset Polish Hill and Springvale (vineyard) Watervale is fascinating, as is the lesser price of the Springvale. This year is has a more effusive bouquet than the Polish Hill, the expressive lime-juice fruit flavours likewise making this wine ready to go now but without compromising its longevity.
 From: Clare Valley, SA
 Drink: Now to 2018 with blue swimmer crab
www.grosset.com.au



PETER LEHMANN WIGAN RIESLING 2003
 96 points, \$40, S 11 per cent
 It is great to see Andrew Wigan, long-term chief winemaker at Peter Lehmann and godfather of all the great rieslings, being recognised. Gleaming green-gold, this is stacked to the rafters with luscious lime-juice aromas and flavours, augmented by touches of honey on the mid-palate; has tremendous length.
 From: Eden Valley, SA
 Drink: Now to 2013 with a sunlit morning
www.peterlehmannwines.com



HOUGHTON WISDOM CHARDONNAY 2007
 95 points, \$28.50, S 13.5 per cent
 Just when the Sydney Wine Show decided it had to create special trophies for constantly overlooked chardonnay, this won the 2008 Bert Bear Trophy for best young white wine of show. Glorious green-yellow colour; intense line and length, with cool-grown grapefruit and nectarine flavours; fine acidity, oak a support role.
 From: Pemberton, WA
 Drink: Now to 2015 with mud crab
www.houghton-wines.com.au



THOMPSON ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2007
 95 points, \$38, S 14.5 per cent
 One of a number of very good present releases from Thompson Estate, here dealing with the challenges and opportunity of a warm, early vintage. It is beautifully crafted, with pure grapefruit and nectarine on the bouquet; gently spiced with very polished oak and lovely grip, weight and depth to the powerful yet fine palate.
 From: Margaret River, WA
 Drink: Now to 2014 with grilled spatchcock
www.thompsonestate.com



SHAW & SMITH M3 CHARDONNAY 2007
 96 points, \$40, S 13 per cent
 A worthy successor to the great 2006, coming from the same M3 vineyard and using the same winemaking techniques; beautifully crafted, with great depth and power; incredibly rich for a mere 13 per cent alcohol, with lashings of fine French oak and stone fruits; the depth and power is offset by a complex mineral core and lively acidity.
 From: Adelaide Hills, SA
 Drink: Now to 2014 with teriyaki chicken
www.shawandsmith.com