

## TASTE 5 OF WA'S GREATEST EVER CABERNETS – FOR \$15!

Reservation essential  
40 persons max

Moss Wood Cabernet 06  
RRP \$115.60 18.7pts  
Cullen Diana Madeline 07  
RRP \$109.50 18.8pts  
Thomas Hardy (MR) 04  
RRP \$115.00 18.9pts  
\*\* and pre-release:

Houghton Jack Mann 04  
RRP \$104.60 18.8pts  
Gladstones Cabernet 04  
RRP \$73.75 18.8pts

\* Inc 2 winners Champion Dry Red Trophy, Canberra, The National Wine Show.

If you are interested in buying, join us at anytime 5:30-7pm – Monday Sept 7th. with finger food

**Sunday 6th of September**  
Taste 5 of Western Australia's best Chardonnays & 4 great Cabernets with Father's Day Tapas Luncheon  
12:30 pm – 2:30pm  
\$125.00 per person

**Sunday 6th of September**  
1st Sunday of Month Tapas Evening  
8 Spanish wines & 5 courses  
6:00pm – 9:00pm  
\$65.00 per person

**Sunday 4th October**  
1st Sunday of Month Tapas Evening  
8 wines & 5 courses  
6:00pm – 9:00pm  
\$65.00 per person

**Thursday 8th October**  
Taste 16 of WA's greatest gold medal winning Cabernet Sauvignons since 1999.

Houghton's Jack Manns, Gladstones & 4 WA made Thomas Hardy Reds  
5:45pm for 6pm – 7:30pm  
Hosted by Houghton's Ross Pamment with significant finger food.  
\$75.00 per person

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# Cherubino raises the bar with WA riesling



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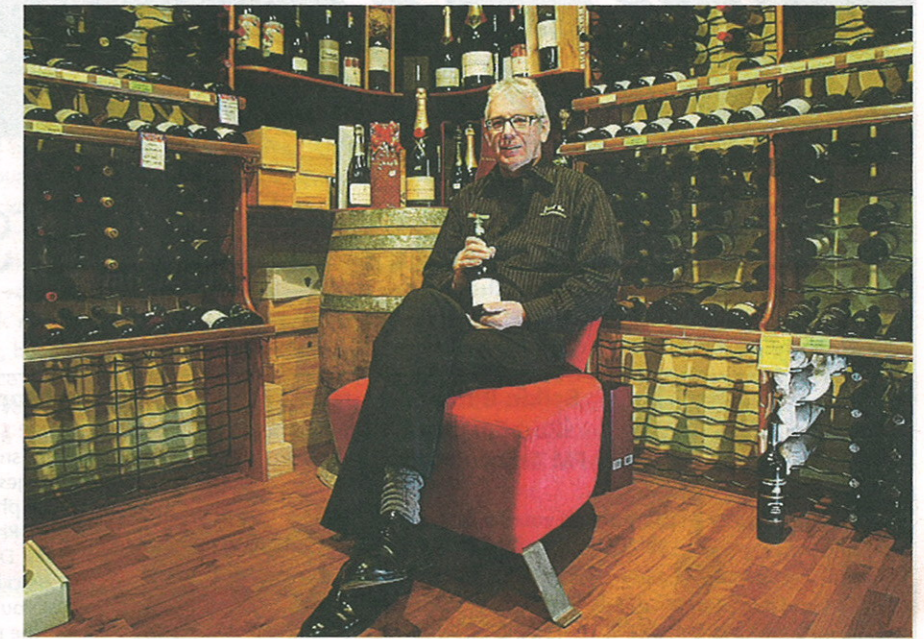
**T**HE WA wine industry is an exciting place to be involved in at the moment because every few years new quality benchmarks are being set for the various varieties.

There are more of WA's greatest-ever cabernets on the market or coming on to it than ever before and our rieslings are improving by the year.

Chardonnay quality appears to have plateaued as does that for merlot and sauvignon blanc.

Semillon-sauvignon blancs are moving up-market with the added development and complexity from refined oak handling and pinot noirs could become a focal point with the improving quality of the Pannell family wines from Picardy in Pemberton and the new influences from Burgundian Pascal Marchand's involvement with Marchand and Burch, in this pinot noir instance, in the Great Southern.

Jeff Grosset, as mentioned last week, has led Australian riesling onto a new quality level way beyond even our greatest-ever wines from the past through his involvement in both the vineyard and the winery. It is much the same here in the west with Larry Cherubino.



Vincent Lee from Grand Cru, a fine and boutique wine cellar in Mt Lawley that is a key stockist of the Cherubino wine range. Picture: Andrew Ritchie d317268

Enough has been said about Larry's winemaking background and associated show record but among his great strengths is riesling. He produces three separate riesling price ranges and, in ascending order, the first of these is The Ad Hoc Wall Flower 2009 (17.6 points) RRP \$18.95.

The mid-price range bracket are the The Yard series of three Rieslings from 2009.

This bracket includes the Mt Barker Whispering Hill Riesling (18.1pts), Kalgan River (17.8pts) and the pick of them in our view, the Pannoo Riesling from the Porongurups (18.4pts) that are all priced at \$27.50.

The most expensive of the three ranges and the finest and most elegant of all, and the one with the greatest length, is the riesling that Larry gives his name to, the Cherubino Riesling. The just released 2009 is very young but absolutely outstanding (18.7pts) at RRP \$35.50.

**The Yard Pannoo Riesling (Porongurups) 2009**

Our pick of The Yard trio is fine, soft, refined, elegant and really long.

It is gracious and charming, subtle and fine knit but still has a youthful crisp and refreshing acidity.

This is wonderful and is, in our opinion, clearly the finest of

the nine The Yard Rieslings released to date. To place it in perspective it is among the five finest WA Rieslings that we have seen over the past couple of years.

This wine is as unique and exciting as a Cherubino white wine can be and it shows refined lime and citric aromatics both on the nose and on the long and elegant palate. (The other two of the five finest are the Cherubino rieslings from both 2008 and 2009.)

**Cherubino Riesling 2009**

The Cherubino rieslings are unusual in style in that they are not bursting with flavour but rather rely on a shy refinement and great elegance and length.

While classically styled and immensely appealing when very young, they will not see their best for at least another 10 years and will live with ease for 20.

The hard-to-find 2008 is drinking marvellously at the moment, though Larry believes that the 2009 is the finest of the three released to date. I agree.

This typifies the style in that it is long, elegant, refined and fragrant.

The wine has enormous and classical length and could handle most Asian spices with ease.

This is a unique style of Australian and WA riesling in that, the primary fruit aromas while obvious, are more fragrant, softer and gentler.

Before this wine, the 1997 Howard Park (18.7pts) is my greatest WA Riesling to date but this could prove to be superior.

Both are great wines.(18.7pts).

**PORONGURUP Wine of the Month**

**MOUNT TRIO**

**2008 Gravel Pit Pinot Noir**

"A 'benchmark' in the Mount Trio range, this is our fabulous new release. With typical dark cherry & complex smoky fruit flavours, our '08 Pinot is delightful to drink now or will reward cellaring for 3-4 years."

**\*\*\$19.50\*\***

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