



wine

with Jeff Collerson



White

**Oyster Bay 2008
 Marlborough chardonnay (\$19)**

FRESH and lively with little oak influence, this has balance, harmony and length. A straightforward young style showing citrus and mineral characters on the nose. There are bold, mouth-filling fruit flavours with some butterscotch undertones. A very drinkable, good-value chardonnay that would work well with a buttery scallop dish or pan-fried fish fillets. Stockists 1300 131 815.



top drop
 Red

**Jane Brook 2007
 Back Block shiraz (\$25)**

THIS tastes like a \$50 red but is inexpensive as it is made from grapes grown in the warm Swan Valley of Western Australia, not the more fashionable Margaret River or Mount Barker regions. It has a great balance of big rich dark berry fruit and quality oak. Off a vineyard planted 70 years ago and the old vine depth of flavour shines through. Stockists 08 9274 1432.



Red

**Westend Cool Climate Series 2008
 Hilltops tempranillo (\$15)**

WESTEND Estate is a well-regarded Riverina-based maker now producing a range from cooler regions, like this beauty from Young. Medium-bodied and savoury but without the heavy oak presence found in many Spanish tempranillos. Has the variety's trademark spicy, tobacco-like characters, under-pinned by delicious fruit. Stockists 0417 442 678.



White

The Yard 2009 Porongurup riesling (\$25)

THIS is one of three single-vineyard rieslings from renowned WA winemaker Larry Cherubino, who also has an excellent Ad Hoc Straw Man sauvignon blanc/semillon blend from the same vintage. A slatey, gentle and elegant riesling with pure citrus on the palate and good acid providing a long, fine finish. Stockists 0417 848 399.