

GIRDER B A R

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Radford Dale Riesling 2005 Clare Valley, SA	7.5	34
Redwood Pass Sauvignon Blanc 2005 Marlborough, NZ	7.0	32
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Peter Rumball Sparkling Shiraz NV Coonawarra, SA 375ml Bottle/750ml Bottle	8.0	21/40
T'Gallant Moscato 2004 Mornington Peninsula, Vic 375ml Bottle / 750ml Bottle	6.5	16/29
Charles Melton 'Rose of Virginia' Rose 2006 Barossa Valley, SA	8.0	37
Tomboy Hill 'The Rebellion' Pinot Noir 2003 Ballarat, Vic	10.5	49

Crittenden 'Gepetto' Merlot 2004 King/Owen Valleys, Vic	7.5	34
McLean's Farm Shiraz Cabernet 2002 Barossa Valley, SA	7.0	32
Diggers Bluff Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2004 Barossa Valley, SA	8.5	39
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Bowen Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 Coonawarra, SA	9.5	44

Sparkling

Mitchelton Imprint Sparkling NV Central Victoria <i>Great value, very tasty quaffer. You'll be up for your second before you've finished the first. Pale gold with honey and apple flavours.</i>		26
Perle Vintage Cuvee 2002 Adelaide Hills, SA <i>Australia's newest bubbly and the best in a long time. Biscuit and brioche characters, floral scents, unfolding into lime and toasty flavours.</i>		35
Stephen John Blanc de Blanc NV Clare Valley, SA <i>Medium straw colour and a fresh creamy nose, Quite dry with a fine bead. Served at Government House in Canberra.</i>		38
Peter Rumball Sparkling Shiraz NV Coonawarra, SA <i>You love reds but it's 34 degrees in the shade. Don't succumb to beer, ask at the bar for a taste of Rumball and your life may well change. Very good stuff.</i>	21 375ml	40 750ml
Croser 2003 Adelaide Hills, SA <i>As ever, very fine, delicate and discreet. Perfect pear and stone fruit with a touch of creamy brioche. Persistent bead. Consistently one of Australia's favourites.</i>		50
Jansz 2001 Northern Tasmania <i>Fragrant lemon and honeysuckle aromas from the chardonnay, rose petals and strawberries from the pinot noir. Perfectly balanced with crisp acidity.</i>		60
Primo Joseph Sparkling Red NV Adelaide Plains, SA <i>Only released every two years, this sparkling is big, dark and opulent, yet fresh and seamless with a fine bead.</i>		70

Champagne

Pommery NV Reims, France <i>Fresh nose and creamy palate. Quite a soft champagne, not overly common in Australia and a great change from the usual houses.</i>		95
Pol Roger NV Epernay, France		100

In Girder's opinion, the best NV on the market. Prince William's favourite (so goes the rumour). Lovely gold straw colour, floral aromas and superb brioche taste.

Perrier Jouet NV Epernay, France <i>Fabulously seductive, with luscious stone fruit and citrus characters, creamy texture and wonderful finish.</i>	100
Bollinger NV Reims, France <i>Mouthwatering bouquet of yeast, fruit and minerals, complex layers of pear, citrus fruit, toasted hazelnuts and bread. Generous finish which lingers for days.</i>	110
Pol Roger Blanc de Blanc 1996 Epernay, France <i>Neverending beads, white flowers on the nose and vanilla, brioche and toasted almonds on the palate.</i>	135
Dom Perignon 1998 Epernay, France <i>Quite unlike the relatively tight, austere 1996, this cuvee is very open and ripe already. An initially fragrant, floral nose, developing density in the glass. Drink this now and leave your 96 for another few years.</i>	290
Krug Grande Cuvee NV Reims, France <i>One whiff and you know this is serious stuff. Aromas of brioche, nougat and coconut pick up roasted coffee and nuts on the palate. Profound depth and complexity.</i>	315

Riesling

Cardinham Estate Smith Family 2004 Clare Valley, SA <i>Spotlessly clean, full flavoured and rich. Not too floral or too minerally, the palate is right in the middle.</i>	32
Radford Dale 2005 Eden Valley, SA <i>Floral and pear notes co-exist with minerally acidity. A classic Eden Valley riesling.</i>	34
Knappstein Hand Picked 2005 Clare Valley, SA <i>Quite floral, apple, lime and passionfruit.</i>	36
Wolf Blass Gold Label 2004 Clare Valley / Eden Valley, SA <i>One of the highlights of the Wolf Blass stable. Clean, delicate and crisp with considerable length.</i>	37
Knight Granite Hills 2004 Macedon Ranges, Vic <i>Granite Hills is an enduring classic. Delicate and super elegant. Highly recommended.</i>	40
Petaluma 'Hanlin Hill' 2005 Clare Valley, SA <i>Very floral and perfumed, generously flavoured and structured.. Could turn out to be the best ever Petaluma vintage</i>	42
Freycinet 2004 East Coast Tasmania <i>Our most minerally riesling. Limes and lemons with a long finish.</i>	46
Pewsey Vale 'The Contours' 2000 Eden Valley, SA <i>Pure class. Best White Wine, National Wine Show 2004</i>	49
Grosset Polish Hill 2005 <i>Very young but simply the best riesling in Australia.</i>	70

Sauvignon Blanc and Blends

Mt Trio Sauvignon Blanc 2005 Porongurup, WA <i>Spotlessly clean, elegant gooseberry flavours, very fresh. Highly rated by a number of wine writers. Excellent value.</i>	28
Vavasour Redwood Pass Sauvignon Blanc 2005 Marlborough, NZ <i>Gold Medal at the NZ Top 100 Wine Awards, 5 stars from Winestate ... this is the most sensational sav blanc we've seen at this price in a long time ... ok, ever. Tropical flavours at the front of the mouth and mineral overtones at the back.</i>	32
Symphony Hill Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2004 Granite Belt, Qld <i>Crisp and fresh with apple and guava overtones.</i>	35
Deep Woods Estate SSB 2004 Margaret River, WA <i>Almost sweet acidity, kiwifruit flavours, long finish.</i>	37
Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc 2005 Marlborough, NZ <i>Champion Wine at the 2005 NZ Wine Awards. Vibrant, zingy, fresh and herbaceous, with a long finish.</i>	39
Villa Maria 'Cellar Selection' Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough, NZ <i>Ripe lime and gooseberry characters with hints of passionfruit. Fruit driven, finishing with mineral notes and Marlborough acidity. From New Zealand's most awarded winery.</i>	42
Dominique Portet Sauvignon Blanc 2005 Yarra Valley, Vic <i>Girder's favourite Australian Sav Blanc. Dominique is the ninth recorded generation of his family to be involved in winemaking, a record in Australia. Five stars and worth every cent.</i>	44
Matua Valley 'Paretai' Sauvignon Blanc 2005 Marlborough, NZ <i>Highly aromatic with a fresh and zingy finish. Our favourite kiwi sauvignon blanc.</i>	46

Pinot Gris / Pinot Grigio

Gunn Estate Pinot Gris 2004 Hawkes Bay, NZ <i>Lifted floral notes with hints of pear and peach. Rich and soft textured palate with good depth of flavour</i>	32
T'Gallant 'Imogen' Pinot Gris 2005 Mornington Peninsula, Vic <i>Soft and delicious, with a bouquet of honey and pears.</i>	34
Danzante Pinot Grigio 2004 Venezie, Italy <i>A crisp lemon bouquet leads to vibrant flavours of melon, peach and citrus with a clean finish.</i>	40
Pewsey Vale Pinot Gris 2005 Eden Valley, SA <i>Ripe pear and apple with a spicy finish.</i>	44
Seppelt Coborra Drumborg Pinot Gris 2004 Henty, Vic <i>An outstanding wine. Quite spicy and flinty, with great length.</i>	48

Gewurztraminer

Knappstein 'Three' Gewurz/Riesling/Pinot Gris 04 34
Clare Valley, SA

A unique blend with Gewurz dominating at 60%. A heady mix of tropical fruit, and roses with a touch of spice.

Henschke 'Joseph Hill' Gewurztraminer 2004 45

Eden Valley, SA

One of the very best examples of the variety. Delicate, clean and dry.

Viognier and Blends

Tollana Viognier 2004 32

Barossa Valley, SA

Rich and voluptuous with strong varietal character. Honeysuckle and pears.

Haan 'Hanenhof' Viognier 2005 35

Barossa Valley, SA

Distinctive honeysuckle character in both nose and palate, low acidity. A great Autumn wine (as the best flavours come out when not ice cold)

Rutherglen Estate 'The Alliance' Marsanne/Viognier 2005 37

Rutherglen, Victoria

Gold Medal Winner at the 2005 National Wine Show. Lemon butter, flinty and honeysuckle notes are followed by a fresh yet rich and savoury palate. Luscious mouthfeel. Don't be shy, ask for a taste.

Brokenwood 'Indigo Vineyard' Viognier 2004 42

Beechworth, Vic

Soft, round and mouthfilling. Ripe pear and apricot with a nutty finish.

Heggies Vineyard Viognier 2004 53

Eden Valley, SA

A full bouquet of apricot and quince. The palate is seriously minerally – typical of this vineyard.

Yalumba 'The Virgilius' Viognier 2003 65

Eden Valley, SA

A luscious wine. A nose of rose water, peaches and apricots and a palate of ginger spice.

Verdelho

Tulloch Verdelho 2004 29

Hunter Valley, NSW

Archetypal Verdelho, great tension between acidity and sweetness on the finish. Great drinking and great value.

Robert Channon Verdelho 2005 49

Granite Belt, Qld

Medium bodied, fruit salad, with a touch of sweetness. If you only drink one Queensland wine this year, drink this.

Semillon

Mount Pleasant 'Elizabeth' 2000 34

Hunter Valley, NSW

One of the best vintages of the past 10 years and now at it's peak. Aromas of lemon and melon, moderately full style.

Wills Domain Reserve 2002 42

Margaret River, WA

A beautifully made wine, elegant and lingering with subtle oak and a superb aftertaste.

Mount Pleasant 'Elizabeth' 1997 58

Hunter Valley, NSW

Honey and toasty. Gold Medals at Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart and Brisbane.

Deliciously Different

Domaine William Fevre Petit Chablis 2003 53
Chablis, France
William Fevre is the godfather of traditional Chablis. Flavours of minerals and touches of golden honey.

Chardonnay

Robinsons Family Vineyard 2004 33
Granite Belt, Qld
White peach and toasty fig flavours with a gorgeous creamy finish.

Tamar Ridge 2003 35
Northern Tasmania
Full flavoured, very attractive stonefruit and citrus, elegant, intense and long.

Shadowood 2004 39
Medallist at the Royal Melbourne Wine Show. Soft and rich with luscious stonefruit characters with a long but crisp finish.

Hoddles Creek 2002 42
Yarra Valley, Vic
Elegant and fresh citrus and stonefruit. Hoddles Creek is consistently rated in the 'excellent' zone with James Halliday and Campbell Mattinson.

Stonier 2004 44
Mornington Peninsula, Vic
One of the most senior wineries on the Mornington Peninsula, elegant wine with abundant fruit expression.

Robert Channon 2004 48
Granite Belt, Qld
One of the best wines from one of Queensland's most awarded wineries.

Tomboy Hill 'Rebellion' 2003 59
Ballarat, Vic
One of Halliday's Top Ten Wineries of 2006. Fresh, lively grapefruit and melon, harmonious oak. A chardonnay that isn't dominated by the usual buttery, creamy, woody flavours. Just beautiful.

Howard Park 2004 66
Great Southern, WA
This very senior sibling of the popular Madfish is seamless and super fine. The epitome of elegance.

Kooyong 2003 70
Mornington Peninsula, Vic
Bright yellow/green; perfectly balanced melon and stone fruit.

Pierro 2003 105
Margaret River, WA
Second only to Leeuwin Estate, Pierro makes one of Australia's most sought after chardonnays. This utterly delicious wine has excellent restraint and amazing mouthfeel. The quality oak is in evidence and beautifully balances the stone fruit flavours.

Leeuwin Estate Art Series 1997 140
Margaret River, WA

Rose

T'Gallant Moscato 2004 16 29
Mornington Peninsula, Vic 375ml 750ml
Pink, sweet, light and full of strawberries

Robert Stein Cabernet Rose 2005 Mudgee NSW <i>Luscious and juicy, raspberry and blackcurrant with a dry finish.</i>	32
Pepperjack Grenache Rose 2005 Barossa Valley, SA <i>Gold Medallist at the National Wine Show. Strawberry. raspberry and even fairy floss on the nose. . Juicy red fruit flavours and a long, clean finish.</i>	34
Charles Melton 'Rose of Virginia' 2006 Barossa Valley, SA <i>Charlie tells us this is a notch up on the fantastic 2005 (finalist in the George Mackay Trophy - for best wine exported from Australia last year - 80 chosen out of 15,000 wines). Consistently the best rose in Australia. Very aromatic bouquet, and bursting with strawberry and raspberry aromas and flavours..</i>	36
Pinot Noir	
First Steps 2004 Yarra Valley, Vic <i>Girder was bowled over when we tasted this wine, and we don't know how they can make such a good Pinot at this price. Rich and smooth.</i>	32
Hoddles Creek 2001 Yarra Valley, Vic <i>Light to medium bodied, quite complex spice, plum and earth aromas and flavours.</i>	38
Giant Steps 2004 Yarra Valley, Vic <i>Smooth aromas of wild cherry are followed by a mellow, silky palate. Gently spicy with velvety tannins.</i>	43
Stefano Lubiana 2005 Southern Tasmania <i>2005 was the best Tassia Pinot Noir vintage ever. And (in our opinion), Steve makes one of the best Pinots in Tassie. Fresh lifted berry fruit aromas,</i>	45
Farr Rising 'Mornington Peninsula' 2004 Mornington Peninsula, Vic <i>Simply stunning. An immaculate, plummy and spicy wine. The only way to drink Farr wine at this price level.</i>	48
Tomboy Hill 'Rebellion' 2003 Ballarat, Vic <i>Clear cut varietal flavour; plum and black cherry, light to medium bodied, from the best winery in Western Vic.</i>	49
Mt Difficulty 'Roaring Meg' 2004 Central Otago, NZ <i>A lovely mix of berry fruits with complexity gained from oak spice.</i>	66
Kooyong 2003 Mornington Peninsula, Vic <i>Powerful and rich. A full bodied pinot with loads of plum and black cherries.</i>	76
Bannockburn 'Serre' 2000 Geelong, Vic <i>Very Burgundian in style, influenced by Gary Farr's many vintages in France, though with more power. A fragrant, beetroot aroma leads to a seamless integration of plum, spice and oak.</i>	145
Bass Phillip Premium 1997 South Gippsland, Vic <i>Raspberry/cherry nose with a hint of earthiness. Red berry fruits on the palate with a touch of damp forest/wet granite. Silky smooth tannins, concentrated flavours and a long, lingering finish. One of Langton's 'Outstanding' wines - at it's peak for the next few years.</i>	170
Bannockburn 'Serre' 1998 Geelong, Vic <i>Along with the 99, the best vintage of one of Australia's finest pinot noirs to be produced in the last decade. Fragrant rose petal nose followed by complex, concentrated red berry flavours. Supremely long, elegant and luscious.</i>	225

Merlot

- Crittenden 'Geppetto' 2004 34
King Valley / Owen Valley, Vic
Like a basket of berries on the nose and with a soft and gentle palate. Soft tannins. We'll drink it all day and night - we love it!
- Irvine 'Spring Hill' 2004 35
South Australia
Very distinctive, rich, plummy, savoury and soft
- Kies 'Monkey Nut Tree' 2002 46
Barossa Valley, SA
Luscious, powerful blackberry and herb. This is no shrinking violet. Made by the 'Merlot King' Jim Irvine.

Red Blends

- McLean's Farm Shiraz Cabernet 2002 32
Barossa Valley, SA
An absolute bargain, this wine punches way above it's price. Bob McLean was the brains behind St Hallett and now has his own label. Dark ruby/purple in colour, sweet cherry nose, deep, fleshy and medium bodied. 2002 was a great Barossa vintage - ask for a taste.
- Sandalford 'Protégé' Cabernet Merlot 2004 34
Margaret River, WA
WA's oldest family owned winery has produced a lovely medium to full bodied blend. Dusty plums and berries on the nose with ripe dark stonefruit flavours
- Pikes 'The Dogwalk' Cabernet Merlot 2003 37
Clare Valley, SA
A rich, full flavoured blend. Very easy drinking.
- Diggers Bluff 'Stray Dog' Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2004 39
Barossa Valley, SA
What a find. A juicy, sexy little Grenache blend that will please the most serious wine buff, but is made in a softer style that will put a surprised smile on the face of any casual pinot drinker. Rare to see a quality handmade wine at this price - drink it up!
- Kaesler 'Stonehorse' Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre 2004 42
Barossa Valley, SA
Ripe berry nose with earthy overtones. Silky moutfeel with great length. Simply gorgeous drinking.
- d'Arenberg 'Galvo Garage' CSMPVCF 2003 47
McLaren Vale/Southern Fleurieu, SA
That's Cab Sav, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cab Franc since you were wondering. Inspired by the 'garage' wines of France's boutique winemakers.
- Henschke 'Johann's Garden' Grenache Shiraz 2004 53
Eden Valley, SA
Heaven in a bottle. Beautiful lush blackberry and mulberry on the palate with velvety tannins and a long finish.
- Charles Melton Nine Popes 2002 73
Barossa Valley, SA
Very fragrant. A delicious blend, black fruits, red fruits and spices.
- Beaumont 'Ariane' Cab Sav Merlot Cabernet Franc 2002 85
Walker Bay, South Africa
A classic blend. Rich, deep colour with herbs, fruit and chocolate aromas giving way to a palate that is rich in berry fruit and spice.
- Majella 'The Mallee' Shiraz Cabernet 2002 105
Coonawarra, SA

Attractive nose of ripe currant fruit and cigar box oak. Fruit cake like palate. Has complexity and age.

Mount Mary 'Quintet' Cabernets 1996 225
Yarra Valley, Vic
The complete package from an exalted winery. Consistently rated with the top Bordeaux blends. An excellent vintage drinking very well right now.

Cabernet Sauvignon

Saddler's Creek 'Watermark' 2002 26
Coonawarra, SA
Don't be put off by the price, we don't know why it's so cheap either. A medium bodied cabernet with seamless flavours. Winestate Magazine 4.5 stars

Pirramimma 'Stock's Hill' 2002 33
McLaren Vale, SA
Aromatic bouquet, light to medium bodied. Elegant, soft and stylish.

Richard Hamilton 'Hut Block' 2003 35
McLaren Vale, SA
Blackcurrant flavours, very elegant with finely balanced oak.

Shadowood 2003 36
Eden Valley, SA
Soft and elegant, chocolate/blackcurrant aromas and a sweet berry palate.

Alkoomi 'Frankland River' 2003 39
Frankland River, WA
Ripe cherries and red berry aromas with notes of tobacco and smoky oak. Drinking beautifully.

Robinsons Family Vineyard 2002 45
Granite Belt, Qld
Trophy for Best Red at the 2005 Qld Wine Awards, from one of the pioneers of the Granite Belt.

Bowen Estate 2003 44
Coonawarra, SA
A fine, complex cabernet with a palate of dark cherries and raspberries. Smooth and silky, yet certainly something to think about. One of Langton's 'Distinguished' wines.

Pikes 2002 48
Clare Valley, SA
The last of this outstanding vintage. Rich, medium to full bodied. Blackcurrant and dark chocolate on the nose with a sweet fruit palate.

Sandalford 2003 55
Margaret River, WA
Bags of luscious ripe jube fruit flavours, and that unmistakable hint of Margaret River eucalypt. Best Wine of Show at Margaret River Wine Show 03 amongst a host of other golds.

Charles Melton 2002 66
Barossa Valley, SA
Voluptuous cassis and blackcurrant aromas. Sweet cedar/vanilla oak finish.

Wirra Wirra 'The Angelus' 2002 78
McLaren Vale, SA
Very complex mix of blackberry, bitter chocolate and cassis. Ripe tannins and quality oak. Quite sumptuous.

Penfolds 'Bin 707' 2002 170
Barossa Valley/Coonawarra, SA
An unashamedly powerful, 'sweet' nose of ripe fruits and Christmas cake. Tarry, deeply ripened, and very concentrated palate featuring dark plums, berries and dark chocolate

Moss Wood 1995 225
Margaret River, WA
A very fine vintage of one of Australia's greatest cabernet sauvignon. A bouquet of mulberries, dark olives and oak.

Complex and concentrated, yet velvet smooth, with flavours of black fruits and dark olives. Should drink well for another 20 years.

Shiraz / Shiraz Viognier

Tallarook 'Terra Felix' Shiraz Viognier 2004 Central Victoria <i>A light, bright shiraz, silky and fruity. Quaffed before you know it.</i>	30
Tatachilla Shiraz Viognier 2005 McLaren Vale, SA <i>Deep ruby red with a blackberry bouquet. Finely textured palate with exotic spiced overtones and a satin finish.</i>	34
Epsilon Shiraz 2004 Barossa Valley, SA <i>Liquorice and tobacco aromas. Rich and spicy on the palate with concentrated blackberry and cassis flavours. Round and supple.</i>	37
Pertaringa 'Undercover' Shiraz 2004 McLaren Vale, SA <i>Medium to full bodied, rich and spicy, really full yet soft and mouthfilling.</i>	39
Pikes Shiraz 2003 Clare Valley, SA <i>Ripe dark berry fruits on the nose. Soft and rich on the palate with an abundance of sweet ripe fruit and dark chocolate. Lightly spiced with a hint of savoury french oak on the finish.</i>	40
Seppelt 'Chalambar' Shiraz 2004 Grampians / Bendigo, Vic <i>A sensational vintage of this consistently excellent shiraz, with many wine writers rating it 96/100. Produced since 1953, the quality to price ratio is amazing. Powerful, weighty, with great length and structure.</i>	42
Heathcote Winery 'Mail Coach' Shiraz 2003 Heathcote, Vic <i>Spicy blackberry aromas, medium weight with lingering spice and berry fruit flavours. Rich, cherry aftertaste.</i>	47
Bannockburn Shiraz 2002 Geelong, Vic <i>Spicy, black cherry fragrance, very silky and elegant cool climate shiraz</i>	70
Charles Melton Shiraz 2002 Barossa Valley, SA <i>Up with the best shiraz of the great Barossa 2002 vintage. Medium bodied with fine, intense black fruits.</i>	75
Mt Ida 'Heathcote' Shiraz 2003 Heathcote, Vic <i>Medium to full bodied, layers of rich blackberry, plum and spice fruit with hints of vanilla. Soft tannins.</i>	75
Digger's Bluff 'Top Dog' Shiraz 2003 Barossa Valley, SA <i>This beefy Barossa shiraz encapsulates everything that the drier, northern districts of the Barossa have to offer. Power, intensity, balance and concentration of fruit that is rarely seen anywhere in the world. A wine to impress.</i>	78
Wirra Wirra 'RSW' 2003 Barossa Valley, SA <i>Delicious, dense, dark chocolate and black fruits. Powerful yet velvety.</i>	80
Shiraz by Farr 2003 Geelong, Vic <i>Rich black fruits, a hint of liquorice, spicy, wrapped in a warm blanket of oak.</i>	90
Saltram No 1 Shiraz 2002 Barossa Valley, SA <i>Smooth and silky, sumptuous and seamless. Aromas of raspberries and redcurrants and a whiff of treacle. The best since 1998.</i>	100
Kalleske Greenock Shiraz 2004	100

Barossa Valley, SA

Will be a thousand times better in 10 years, but if you can't wait, this is a powerful, ripe shiraz full of prunes and dark chocolate.

Coriole Lloyd Reserve Shiraz 2002 105
McLaren Vale, SA
A beautiful wine, smooth, silky blackberry, chocolate and tannin mix with a clean finish. Probably the pick at this price level.

Wendouree Shiraz 1995 160
Clare Valley, SA
One of Langton's 'Exceptional' wines – the most highly sought after and prized wines on the market. A dense, strongly flavoured wine with intense fruit and muscular tannins

Rockford 'Basket Press' Shiraz 1998 210
Barossa Valley, SA
A supremely complete, elegant and stylish shiraz, opulent and exotically perfumed. Sweet chocolate oak adds smoothness and depth to this powerful wine.

Henschke 'Hill of Grace' 1998 370
Eden Valley, SA
Influential wine critic Robert Parker called this 'this finest Hill of Grace I have ever passed over my palate and down my gullet'. The 40th vintage of this iconic wine is only just approaching maturity. A gorgeous perfume of blackberries, cedar and chocolate is followed by a rich, sweet and succulent palate.

Henschke 'Hill of Grace' 1991 390
Eden Valley, SA
Concentrated aromas of plums, prunes and blackberries with tar, anise and cedar. Rich, complex, dense palate of black fruits. Soft velvety tannins. One of Australia's icon wines, from 1860's vines, now in it's prime.

Penfolds Bin 95 Grange 1989 420
South Australia
Tasting notes from Penfolds - Deep plum red in colour, the nose features masses of blackberry and raspberry with earthy hints. The palate is full bodied, richly flavoured and supremely complex and finishes with velvet fine tannins

Dessert 60ml 375ml

Peter Lehmann Noble Semillon 7.0 28
Barossa Valley, SA

Miranda Golden Botrytis 8.0 32
Riverina, NSW

de Bortoli Noble One Botrytis Semillon 9.0 36
Riverina, NSW

Muscat, Tokay and Port 60ml

Yalumba Galway Pipe Port 8.0

Saltram Mr Pickwick Port 11.0

Baileys of Glenrowan Founders Muscat 7.0

Bullers Fine Old Muscat 7.0

Baileys of Glenrowan Founders Tokay 7.0

Brown Brothers Very Old Tokay 9.0

Girder Wine List Philosophy

Girder is a local, friendly, unpretentious wine bar. We love drinking good wine. We think it's one of life's greatest pleasures.

We want you to be able to do the same, and we know you haven't got the time to run around the country to find great wines at good prices, so we've tasted around 5000 wines for you, to find the best 125.

Our mantra is "a great wine for it's price". So at every level, you are drinking, in our opinion, one of the best wines available at that price.

Why aren't there more foreign wines on our list? Simply put, we thought there was a better Australian wine available at that price (and we're not into having loads of \$200+ wines just to make the list look pretty.) But we're always looking, and suggestions are welcome.

We change our wines available by the glass every two months, and offer different blackboard specials every week.

Ariane de Rooy & Michael Rutherford