

good living

TASTINGS
HUON HOOKE

Wine of the week

Fraser Gallop Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River 2007, \$30

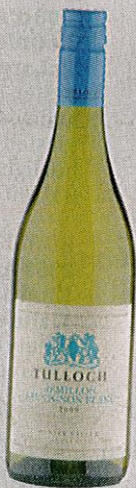
A world-beater at the Decanter World Wine Awards earlier in the year, this won another gold medal at the recent Margaret River Wine Show (the '08 also scored a gold, a great double for such a new winery). It's loaded with dusty, briary and blackberry cabernet aromas and flavours, sweet cassis fruit in the mouth with the faintest touch of leafiness. It has typical '07 structure – assertive but balanced and supple tannins that certainly don't preclude enjoying it now – but it should cellar well, for at least 10 and probably 15 years. 95/100.

Food Rich meaty dishes, especially barbecued steak, and all hard cheeses, such as high-grade parmesan.

**BARGAIN OF THE WEEK****Tulloch Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Hunter Valley 2009, \$16**

This is more semillon than sauvignon, which is arguably a plus. It smells fresh and youthful with lemon/citrus fragrance and there's a touch of sweetness on the juicy palate. A very good commercial style. Give it a good chill before serving. 87/100.

Food Summery salads.

**TOP AUSSIE WHITE**
Faber Verdelho, Swan Valley 2009, \$17

This is a delightful white wine and 2009 has been outstanding in the Swan Valley. Full of passionfruit and stone-fruit aromas, loaded with fruit flavour and beautifully balanced, with seamless acidity. Stockists: Amato's, Leichhardt and Sixty Darling St Cellars. 91/100.

Food Prawn and mango salad.

**TOP AUSSIE RED**
Sandalford Shiraz, Margaret River 2008, \$20

A multiple gold-medal winner that is easy to find for less than \$20. In other words, amazing value. Very lifted spice and cherry aromatics, bright, floral and inviting. Elegant medium-weight palate with smooth texture and a degree of finesse. Soft tannins, a succulent style that drinks well young. Now to five years. 92/100.

Food Gourmet hamburger.

**INDULGE YOURSELF**
Lenton Brae Wilyabrup Chardonnay, Margaret River 2007, \$45

Magic wine of the finer, more delicate, less-oaky modern style. Cashew, toasted nut and grapefruit aromas, very subtle winemaking complexities and a tight, restrained but intense palate. Seamless texture. Young for its age and promises to age superbly. Now to six years. 95/100.

Food Grilled marron.

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Champagne

00 Bollinger
Grande Annee
Laurent-Perrier NV
Louis Roederer NV
Mumm NV
Taittinger NV

Riesling

09 Henschke Peggies Hill 15
09 Knappstein Clare 15
09 Leasingham Bin 7 15
08 Leeuwin Estate 17
08 Michelton Blackwood Park 14
08 Orlando St Helga 15
09 Pikes Clare Valley 18
09 Pipers Brook 20

Sparkling White

Blue Pyr Brut Rose 01 22
Clover Hill 05 33
Croser 07 30
Croser NV 20
Deutz Cuvee NV 18

Hardys

NV Sir James Cuvee 10
04 Sir James Vintage 20
Lindauer Brut NV 10
Taltarni Brut & Tache 18
Yarra Bum Cuvee NV 18

Sparkling Red

Fox Creek Vixen NV 22
Majella Shiraz 05 28
Morris Shiraz Durif NV 14
Rumball Merlot & Shiraz 18

Chardonnay

07 Ashbrook Marg River 27
08 Brookland Verse 1 13

06 Bannockburn 10
08 Devils Corner 20
07 Drouhin Chablis 10
07 Drouhin St Veran 18
08 Houghton Wisdom 18
06 Katnook Estate 18

06 Leeuwin Art Series 18
07 Martinborough NZ 18
08 Orlando St Hilary 18
07 Petaluma Piccadilly 18
07 Pipers Brook Estate 18

Faber Vineyard-Swan Valley**Fine tannins**

08 Faber Swan Valley Shiraz Cabernet (rrp \$28)



An attractive medium-bodied palate, with a mix of blackberry, blackcurrant and cherry, the tannins fine, the oak subtle. Easy style, best young.

ALSO (in limited supply)

09 Faber Swan Valley Verdelho (rrp \$25)

\$15

SUPER SAVVY OFFER

Buy 2 doz Highgate and get an extra \$20 off

Buy 3 doz Highgate and get an extra \$35 off

**Marlborough @ half price**

08 Highgate Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (rrp \$25)

With aromas of ripe gooseberry and fresh herb combined with underlying mineral characters, this wine has concentration and purity of aromas and flavour.

ps. if offer taken no other offers or discounts apply

Limited X-Mas Offer

With every dozen of Totem or Talunga purchased receive 6/12 of Clockwork Sparkling Pink



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08 Allan S
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08 Dog P
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08 Martini
08 Montan
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08 Shaw &
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09 Private J
09 Cellar Se

Pinot G

07 Escarpm
08 Ninth Is
08 Waipara

Other W

09 Cullen M
08 Henschke
08 Leeuwin
08 Leeuwin
07 Petaluma
09 Pipers LTO

Sandalfon

09 Marg River
09 Estate Res
09 West Cape

Shiraz

05 Barossa Est
07 Bowen Co
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