

## Australian Wine Reviews 12th to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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<p><b>Section: E-mail</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer/Reviews:</b> <b>Peter Forrestal</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Monday: 12<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>2006 Westend Richland Pinot Grigio 2006 Stella Bella Scuttlebutt Sauvignon Blanc Semillon</p> <p><a href="http://www.quaff.com.au/">http://www.quaff.com.au/</a></p>

The Courier Mail (Bris/QLD)	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Good Life</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Ken Gargett</b> <b>Main article</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Mike Frost reviews</b> <b>[Labels] Points out of 100</b></p> <p><b>71-80 you'll find better</b> <b>81-85 average drinking</b> <b>86-90 worth drinking</b> <b>91-95 exceptional</b> <b>96-100 world class</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Tuesday: 13<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Ken wrote a long article but the short version would be 'drink Champagne on Valentine's Day'. Mike reviews</p> <p><i>Local Hero: Watershed 2003 Shiraz [90]</i></p> <p><i>Bargain Buy: Lindemans 2006 Bin 65 Chardonnay [89]</i></p> <p><i>Foreign affair: Giesen 2006 Marlborough Sav/Blanc [88]</i></p> <p><i>Keeper: Maxwell 2003 Ellen Street Shiraz [92]</i></p>

The Herald Sun (Melb/Vic)	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: City Style</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Paddy Kendler</b> <b>Main article &amp; reviews</b> <b>[Quaffing] Scores up to 5</b></p> <p><b>1, Don't Bother</b> <b>2, Thirsty? OK</b> <b>3, Good Value</b> <b>4, Fine Drop</b> <b>5, Unbeatable</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Tuesday: 13<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>What is Chenin Blanc? And five reviews:</p> <p><i>Less than \$10:</i> Hardy's Nottage Hill Cab/Shiraz 2005 [4.5]</p> <p><i>Less than \$15:</i> Wolf Blass Yellow Label Sav/Blanc [4.5]</p> <p><i>Less than \$20:</i> Dowie Doole Chenin Blanc 2006 [4] Jones Road Chardonnay 2005 [4] Rutherglen Estates Durif 2005 [5]</p>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW)	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Good Living</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Huon Hooke</b>  <b>Main article &amp; reviews [put to the test]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Tuesday: 13<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Huon has an attempt to explain the use of the word Reserve or whatever producers use to denote their upper range. As there is no official ruling, it's a hard if not impossible job. In the end all he can do is give a few examples from various wineries.</p> <p><i>Wine of the week:</i> Wedgetail Estate Reserve Pinot Noir <b>[95]</b></p> <p><i>Top Aussie White:</i> Edwards Chardonnay 2005 <b>[91]</b></p> <p><i>Top Aussie Red:</i> Henschke Henry's Seven 2004 <b>[90]</b></p> <p><i>Bargain:</i> Yellowtail Bella 2006 <b>[87]</b></p> <p><i>Best Sparkling:</i> Chandon Vintage Brut 2003 <b>[92]</b></p> <p><i>Best Rose:</i> Pike &amp; Joyce 'The Bleedings' Pinot Noir 06 <b>[92]</b></p> <p><i>Cellar:</i> Lenton Brae Cab/Sav 2003 <b>[92]</b></p>

The Age (Melb/Vic)	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Epicure</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Jeni Port Main article</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Ralph Kyte-Powel</b>  <b>Reviews [Uncorked]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Tuesday: 13<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Jeni writes about the water shortage, Sally Gudgeon on Martell Cognac and Jane Falkner on Domaine Chandon.</p> <p>Ben Canaider writes about a \$25 Shiraz saying it's cheap and wonderful and so-on but doesn't give a name. Jane Falkner suggest Syrehmi V2 2005 from Heathcote and Ralph is as dependable as ever.</p> <p><i>Uncorked: A rating of stars for quality 3 to 5 with ½ as well and \$ symbols for value 1(not so good) to 3 (a steal) We have converted them into numbers quality first value second E.G. [4½ -2]</i></p> <p><i>Wine of the week:</i>  Taminick Cellars Shiraz 2003 <b>[4-3]</b></p> <p><i>Under \$18:</i>  Trentham Estate Pinot Noir 2005 <b>[3½-2]</b>  Rolling Sav/Sem 2006 <b>[4-3]</b></p> <p><i>\$18-\$30:</i>  Juniper Crossing Chardonnay 2005 <b>[4½-3]</b>  Pepperjack Shiraz 2005 <b>[4½-3]</b></p> <p><i>Indulge Yourself:</i>  Carlei Tre Rossi 2005 <b>[4½-2]</b>  Sexton Harry's Monster 2004 <b>[4½-2]</b></p>

The Daily Telegraph (NSW)	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Style</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Sue Bennett</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>The cruise liner Queen Mary 2 carries 30 Australian wines; that's interesting news to Telegraph readers however they're not expected to be interested in which 30 cruise the world in the ship's cellar</p>

The Canberra Times	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Food &amp; Wine</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Fergus McGhie</b> <b>Main article &amp; Reviews</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Marks out of 5 for Quality and Price, quality first.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>A simple article on Bordeaux and the wine of Ch Angelus</p> <p>Reviewed:</p> <p>Koonowla 2002 Clare Valley Cab/Sav <b>[4-4]</b>  Katnook Foundation Block 2006 Sav/Blanc <b>[4-5]</b>  Roaring Forties 2005 Pinot Noir <b>[5-5]</b>  Rutherglen Estates 2005 Durif <b>[4-5]</b>  Mr Riggs 2005 Shiraz <b>[5-4]</b>  Annie's Lane 'Copper Tail' 2005 Riesling <b>[4-4]</b></p>

The Adelaide Advertiser	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Food and wine</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Tony Love Main article &amp; reviews [Tasted]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Article on South Australian Tempranillo; receiving a mention are Nepenthe Tryst, Yalumba hand picked range. Receiving a few more words:</p> <p>2005 Gemtree 'Bloodstone'  Samuel's Gorge 2005 Tempranillo  Tim Adams 2005 'Reserve Range' Tempranillo</p> <p>In the review section</p> <p><i>Under \$20:</i>  Chain of Ponds 2005 Novello <b>[93]</b>  Patrick 2004 'The Caves' Riesling <b>[91]</b>  Fox Creek 2005 'Red Baron' Shiraz <b>[91]</b></p> <p><i>Over \$20</i>  Tamar Ridge 2006 Sav Blanc <b>[92]</b>  Parri Estate 'Pangkarra' Cab/Sav <b>[89]</b>  Aldgate Ridge 2004 Pinot Noir <b>[92]</b></p>

The Mercury	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Taste</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Graeme Phillips</b> <b>Main article &amp; reviews</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>More on Tasmania's smaller wineries with some of their wines reviewed:</p> <p>Bruny Island Unwooded Chardonnay 2005  Bruny Island Pinot Noir 2005  Velo 2005 Riesling  Velo 2006 Pinot Gris  Velo 2005 Unwooded Chardonnay  Ghost Rock 2003 'Catherine' Sparkling  Ghost Rock 2004 Pinot Noir</p>

The West Australian	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Taste</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Ray Jordan</b>  <b>Main article &amp; reviews [Good drops]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Thursday: 14<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Article and pictures on Krug Champagne; two wines in the review section</p> <p>Jim Barry 'The Florita' 2005 <b>[94] Value 4</b>  Pikes 'Eastside' Shiraz 2004 <b>[94] Value 4</b></p> <p><b>Scores are out of five and judged on a value for money basis. 1-2 below average, 3 good, 4 very good 5 excellent.</b></p>

Australian Financial Review (National)	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Life &amp; Leisure</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Tim White</b>  <b>Article &amp; reviews [What to Drink]</b></p> <p><b>Monthly: in Fin Review Magazine Phillip Rich</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Friday: 16<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>New Zealand Pinot Noir the article with several mentioned; reviewed:</p> <p>Escarpment Pinot Noir 2005 <b>[93]</b>  William Downie Pinot Noir 2005 <b>[93]</b>  Six Foot Six Pinot Noir 2005 <b>[90]</b></p>

Grape Expectations by Max Crus	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>The Daily Examiner (Grafton)</b>  <b>The Northern Star (Lismore)</b>  <b>The Cairns Post</b>  <b>NT News (Darwin)</b>  <b>The Geelong Advertiser</b>  <b>The Daily Advertiser (Wagga- Wagga)</b>  <b>Woolgoolga Advertiser</b>  <b>Peruse</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Simon Hughes</b>  <b>Reviews</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Lizards of Oz:</p> <p>'Peculiarly, the wine industry is the commercial epitome of this national fascination. Yet what link is there between grapes and goannas? Bottles and bluetongues? Frill-necks and frontignacs? Shinglebacks and shiraz? Such cliched combinations are as prolific as lizards on labels.'</p> <p>Catherine Vale Verdelho 2005, <b>7.5/10</b>.  d'Arenberg The Lucky Lizard Chardonnay 2005, <b>7.8/10</b>.  Shingleback McLaren Vale Grenache 2005, <b>8.2/10</b>.  Palandri Great Southern/Margaret River Sav/Blanc 05 <b>7/10</b>,  Moaning Frog Margaret River Sem/Sav 2006. <b>8.1/10</b>.  Frog Rock Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2006 <b>7.5/10</b>.</p> <p><b>Scores are out of 10 but as Simon also uses a decimal system they are really out of 100</b></p>

The Courier Mail (Bris/QLD)	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Q Magazine</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Ken Gargett</b> <b>Reviews [Cellar Notes]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Biodynamic wines</p> <p>Carlei Tre Rossi 2005 <b>[95]</b> Cullen Margaret River Chardonnay 2004 <b>[94]</b> Jasper Hill 'Georgia's Paddock' Shiraz 2005 <b>[92]</b> Castagna 'Genesis' Syrah <b>[95]</b></p>

The Australian (National)	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Magazine</b> <b>Writer: Max Allen</b> <b>Article &amp; reviews [Taste]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Section: Travel &amp; Indulgence</b> <b>Writer: James Halliday</b> <b>Article &amp; reviews [From the region]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Max informs us Australian Riesling is losing out to increasing NZ Sav/Blanc sales:</p> <p>2006 Pikes Merle Riesling 2006 Tim Adams Reserve Riesling</p> <p>As predicted a few weeks ago, articles from both James and Huon Hooke have appeared on their return from judging the Tasmanian Wine Show. James gives the stats and mentions gold medal winners:</p> <p>Two are reviewed in greater depth:</p> <p>Barringwood Park 2004 Mill Block Pinot Noir Brook Eden 2005 Pinot Noir</p>

The Smage =The Sydney Morning Herald & The Age	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Good Weekend</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Huon Hooke</b> <b>Article &amp; reviews</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>'Tasmanian wine is underrated and underexposed' writes Huon; Tasmania gets good value out of Huon and James Halliday. Huon focuses his short article on Tamar Ridge and its second line Devil's Corner, and their Pinot Noirs from the 2005 vintage.</p>

The Sydney Morning Herald	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Section: Spectrum</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Greg Duncan Powell</b> <b>Reviews [Full Bottle]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>From the intelligent partnering of wine with Steve Manfredi last week for a Valentine's dinner, back to the easy read, four reviews</p> <p><i>Dining:</i> Preece Shiraz <i>Finding:</i> Taminick Cellars Durif 2005 <i>Quaffing:</i> Baldivis Estate Classic Dry White 2006 <i>Mythologising:</i> Richmond Grove Limited Release Watervale Riesling 2006</p>

<b>The Age (Melb/Vic)</b>	<b>Article brief &amp; Reviews</b>
<p><b>Section: A2</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Jane Faulkner</b> <b>Article &amp; reviews</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Jane on Savvy B</p> <p>Pegasus Bay Sav/Sem 2005 Riposte 'The Foil' Sav/Blanc 2006 Wairau River Sav/Blanc 2005</p>

<b>The Daily Telegraph (NSW)</b>	<b>Article brief &amp; Reviews</b>
<p><b>Section: Style</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Jeff Collerson</b> <b>Reviews [Drink this]</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p><i>Rose:</i> Peter Lehmann 2006 Barossa Rosé <i>Red:</i> Hanging Rock 2004 'Rock' Shiraz Blend</p> <p><i>Top Drop:</i> Moss Wood 2004 'Ribbon Vale Vineyard Cam/Merlot</p> <p><i>Quaff White:</i> Mount Langi Ghiran Riesling <i>Quaff Red:</i> Neagles Rock 2005 'Mr Duncan' Cab/Shiraz</p> <p><i>Cheers:</i> Smirnoff Ice Double Black</p>

<b>The Sun-Herald, Sydney Metro and NSW country</b>	<b>Article, briefs &amp; reviews</b>
<p><b>Section: news, travel and features sections</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer/Reviews: Winsor Dobbin</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>Winsor's BYO reviews were again held over when the S features section was cut back in size. Back to normal next week, he's been told.</p> <p>Winsor's wine story in the news section was about the Sydney Royal Wine Show results, the success of the \$16 Gramp's Shiraz, the revival of chardonnay and the success of the 2004 Eileen Hardy Chardonnay and 2005 Lillydale Estate, as well as McWilliam's being overall top exhibitor.</p>

<b>The Sunday Times (Perth/WA)</b>	<b>Article brief &amp; Reviews</b>
<p><b>Section: STM</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Writer: Peter Forrestal</b> <b>Main article &amp; reviews</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p>The Mornington Peninsula Pinot Celebration and the wines of Domaine de la Romanée Conti; more realistic wines in the review section:</p> <p>2005 Stoneleigh Pinot Noir 2005 Matua Valley Pinot Noir 2004 Matua Valley Shingle Peak Pinot Noir 2005 Oyster Bay Pinot Noir</p>



Monthly Magazines released this week	Article brief & Reviews
<p><b>Australian Golf Digest: February issue</b></p> <p><b>Writer: Grant Dodd</b></p> <hr/>	<p>Article on Robert Parker; reviewed</p> <p>Samuels Gorge Shiraz 2004, <b>95 points</b></p> <p>Picardy Chardonnay 2005, <b>94 points</b></p> <hr/>
<p><b>Australian Golf Digest: March issue</b></p> <p><b>Writer: Grant Dodd</b></p>	<p>A wandering article of golf and drinking wine with this or that player; two wines reviewed:</p> <p>Lindemans Bin 50 Shiraz 2005, <b>86 points</b></p> <p>Golding "The Leap" Sauvignon Blanc 2006, <b>93 points</b></p>