

Australian Wine Reviews 18th to 24th June 2007

The Courier Mail (Brisbane / Queensland) Section: Good Life

Tuesday: 19th June

Writer main article: Ken Gargett

The international Syrah conference in New Zealand is the focus of Ken's article

Writer of review section 'labels': Mike Frost reviews. Points out of 100

96-100 world class, 91-95 exceptional, 86-90 worth drinking, 81-85 average drinking, 71-80 you'll find better

Local Hero: **Preston Park 2005 Reserve Semillon [90]**

Bargain Buy: **Haselgrove 2004 MVS Cab/Sav [89]**

Foreign affair: **Taittinger Prelude NV [93]**

Keeper: **The Islander 2004 'Majestic Plough' Malbec [92]**

The Herald Sun (Melbourne / Victoria) Section: City Style

Tuesday: 19th June

Writer: Main article & reviews Paddy Kendler Scores up to 5

What might climate change mean for Australian wine? Is Paddy's poser this week. There is also a double page spread on 'Starting a Cellar': how to store, where to store - lots of good advice along with a few examples of younger people who have started cellars. 'Bargains to stock up and store' according to Paddy are:

Brokenwood Semillon 2006

Pewsey Vale Riesling 2006

Richmond Grove Riesling 2006

Campbells 'Bobbie Burns' Shiraz 2004

d'Arenberg 'd'Arry's' Original Shiraz Grenache 2004

Hardy's Oomoo Shiraz 2005

Majella 'The Musician' Cab/Shiraz

Penley Estate 'Phoenix Cab/Sav 2005

Peter Lehmann Shiraz 2004

Seppelt Victorian Shiraz 2004

Tahbilk Cab/Sav 2003

Wirra Wirra Church block 2005

Wynns Coonawarra Estate Shiraz 2005

{1=Don't Bother} {2=Thirsty? OK} {3=Good Value} {4=Fine Drop} {5=Unbeatable}

Less than \$15:

Westend Estate 'Richard' Sav/Blanc 3007 [4.5]

Tatachilla 'Growers' Sem/Sav 2006 [4]

Elgo Estate 'Allira' Cab/Merlot 2006 [4.5]

Less than \$30:

Bellarine Estate 'James Paddock' Chardonnay 2006

Leconfield Cab/Merlot 2005 [4.5]

The Age Melbourne / Victoria: Section: Epicure

Tuesday: 19th June

Article writers: Jeni Port, Felicity Carter, Ben Canaider, Jane Falkner

Jeni writes on the people and wines of 'Blackjack' from Bendigo, Jane has some odds and ends of general news; Felicity looks at 'new challenges face the yellow rock wallaby' and Ralph reviews the wines listed below:

Reviews: Ralph Kyte Powell

A rating of stars for quality 3 to 5 with ½ (.5) 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. [4.5 -2]

Wine of the week:

Giaconda 'Warner Vineyard' Shiraz [4-2]

Under \$18:

Angove's 'Long Row' Sav/Blanc 2007 [3.5-3]

Longhop Shiraz 2006 [4-3]

\$18-\$30:

Witchmount Estate Shiraz 2004 [5-3]

Morris Durif 2003 [4.5-2]

Indulge Yourself:

Turkey Flat Mourvedre 2005 [4-2]

Cape Mentelle Zinfandel 2005 [4-2]

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW) Section: Good Living Section:

Tuesday: 19th June

Article writers: Huon Hooke main writer with others on occasion

Artisan wine production, or the good old ways, or better by hand than machine, is the theme of the main article.

Wine of the week: Yalumba FDW [7c] Chardonnay 2005 [95]

Top Aussie White: Leeuwin Estate Art Series Chardonnay 2004 [96]

Top Aussie Red: Hoddles Creek Estate Pinot Noir 2005 [90]

Bargain: Trentham Estate Chardonnay 2006 [87]

Best import: A Mano Bianco Fiano Greco 2006 [89]

Cellar: Robertson of Clare 'Max V' 2005 [94]

Indulge: Morlanda Vi de Guarda 2000 [95]

The Daily Telegraph (NSW) Section: Style

Wednesday: 20th June

Page editor Sue Bennett

Food & wine is the title; if I find any wine I will let you know

The Adelaide Advertiser S.A. Section: Food and Wine

Wednesday: 20th June

Article writers: Tony Love and reviews, with occasional others

Lovely article on Fortifieds, Seppelt Grant Burge, David Franz, Dutschke and Liebich Wein are featured.

\$20 and under:

Brown Brothers 2005 Durif [92]

Renards Folly 2005 Shiraz

Angus 'The Bull' 2005 Cab/Sav [93]

Over \$20:

Geoff Merrill 2003 Shiraz [91]

Battle of Bosworth 2005 Shiraz [94]

Zema 2003 Cluny [92]

The Canberra Times Section: Food and Wine

Wednesday: 20th June

Article writers: Fergus McGhie article & reviews and Chris Shanahan article

Good article from Chris starts with:

'Viognier is a niche variety and likely to stay that way. Why? Well, for one it has too much flavour and individuality. How can a wine have too much flavour? Look, for example, at gewürztraminer. Its heady, lychee like aroma and viscous texture might be unforgettable, and a joy to drink on occasion. But that's the problem: a little goes a long way. It's simply too much to drink regularly.'

Chris ends

'Conclusion? Our best Viogniers, like our best chardonnays, are whites to savour. The cheaper ones are more in-your-face, fade young and tend to heaviness. The flavours, however, are unique and pleasant. Be adventurous and try the best. But, like me, you might find that one or two bottles a year are enough.'

Chris recommends

Ravensthorpe Canberra District Viognier 2006: 17.5 points. Another classy barrel-ferment Viognier from the winery. Not far behind the best.

Tahbilk Nagambie Lakes Viognier 2006: 15 points. Vibrant and pleasant with a strong, estery/passionfruit-like aroma and flavour a little over the top for me — and not quite "Viognier" enough.

Grant Burge Chaff Mill Adelaide Hills Barossa Valley Viognier 2005: 17 points. Shows considerable complexity from the barrel input, quite fresh and varietal. Very easy to savour a few glasses.

D'Arenberg the Last Ditch McLaren Vale Adelaide Hills Viognier 2006: 16 points. An outstanding example of the "let-it-rip" varietal style — apricot-like, opulent and very fresh, but simply upstaged by the more complex company.

Fox-Gordon Barossa Valley Viognier 2006: 15.5 points. Big, fat and juicy — definitely Viognier but will probably fatten up quickly, so drink now.

Petaluma Adelaide Hills Viognier 2005: 19 points. A stunning wine — seductively aromatic, tingly fresh, finely textured for Viognier, yet unmistakably of that variety and with a lingering, delicious flavour.

Clonakilla Canberra District Viognier 2006: 18.5 points. Not long bottled and very complex, soft and layered, with a wonderful texture.

Yarra Burn Yarra Valley Viognier 2004: 16 points. This was surprisingly fresh and fine for Viognier — as the variety normally fattens and fades quickly. The focus seemed to be more on texture and structure and less on overt varietal flavour, although it was definitely there.

According to Paul Huggett the Yarra Valley 'plague and pestilence arrived in the form of phylloxera' after that there is little on the valley but a lot on Yeringberg, could almost be an advertorial.

Fergus writes on the King Valley and reviews:

Fergus gives marks out of 5 for Quality and Price, quality first

Drink Now:

Pepperjack 2005 Shiraz/Viognier [4-5]

Redbank 'The Long Paddock' 2006 Chardonnay [4-5]

Something special:

Seppelt Silverband NV Grampians Sparkling Shiraz [5-2]

Wirra Wirra Church Block 2005 Cab/Shiraz/Merlot [5-5]

For the cellar:

Henschke 'Cyril Henschke' 2004 Cab/Sav [5-5]

Tyrrell's HVD 2005 Semillon [5-5]

The Mercury Tasmania Section: Taste

Wednesday: **20th June**

Article writer: Graeme Phillips

Graeme gives the Tasmanian Wine industry a slap across the wrist – a very good article. I hope they take note.

The West Australian Section: Taste

Thursday: **21st June**

Article writer: Ray Jordan

No wine or beer columns this week

Quaff.Com www.quaff.com.au

Date of publication: Erratic weekly/fortnightly **Saturday 24th June**

Writer: Peter Forrestal

2007 De Bortoli Montage Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

2006 Tatachilla Growers Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

Grape Expectations by Max Crus. At some point in the week this column will appear in The Daily Examiner (Grafton), The Northern Star (Lismore), The Cairns Post, The Geelong Advertiser, The Wagga Daily Advertiser, Toowoomba Chronicle Port Macquarie News, Border Mail (Albury), Coffs Coast Advocate The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin

Week beginning: **23rd June**

Writer: Simon Hughes article

'Fine wine for fine wine.'

Kalleske Wines Lorraine Semillon Late Harvest 2006 8/10
Tatachilla 2006 'Growers' Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc 8.3/10.
Woodstock McLaren Vale Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 8/10.
Optimiste Petit Verdot 2005, 8.2/10.
Arakoon Doyen Willunga Shiraz 2005 9/10.
Plunkett 'The Exception' 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon 9/10.

Scores are out of 10 but as Simon also uses a decimal system they are really out of 100

The Courier Mail Brisbane Queensland Section: Q Magazine

Saturday: **23rd June**

Article writer: Ken Gargett

Focus on Italian white wine with four reviewed:
Bigi Overieto Classico Superiore 2005 [88]
Corte Giara Pinot Grigio 2005 [87]
Argiolas Costamolino Vermentino di Sardegna 2004 [89]
Tamellini Soave Classico Superiore 2004 [86]

The Australian (National) Section: Magazine and Travel & Indulgence

Saturday: **23rd June**

Article writers: Max Allen in the magazine and James Halliday in travel & indulgence

Max, continues with the 'young gun winemaker' of the year award article he started last week and recommends a beer and cider.

James writes about the wines of Luxembourg and reviews 2007 Mistletoe 'Home Vineyard' Hunter Valley Semillon [94]

The Smage =The Sydney Morning Herald & The Age Section: Good Weekend

Saturday: **23rd June**

Article writer: Huon Hooke

New layout for Good Living supplement this week, the front page proclaiming: Fashion / Property / Food etc but no mention of wine and no wine content, let's see what happens next week.

The Sydney Morning Herald Section: Life

Saturday: **23rd June**

Article writer: Greg Duncan Powell

Sipping: **Ned Marlborough Sav/Blanc 2006**

Eating: **Primo Estate Shiraz/Sangiovese 'ill Briccone' 2005**

Roasting: **Pikes Clare Valley 'The Dogwalk' Cab/Merlot 2005**

Quaffing: **Drinkmore Durif**

The Age Melbourne Victoria Section: A2

Saturday: **23rd June**

Article writer: Jane Faulkner

Jane gives her attention to the wines of Craggy Range' from New Zealand

The Daily Telegraph (NSW) Section: Style

Saturday: **23rd June**

Article writer: Jeff Collerson

White: **Devil's Lair 2006 Fifth Leg Chardonnay**

Red: **Buller's 2004 'Black Dog Creek' King Valley Cabernet**

Top Drop: **Picardy 2005 Pemberton Pinot Noir**

Quaff White: **Scarborough 2005 'White Label' Chardonnay**

Quaff Red: **St Hallett 2005 Faith Shiraz**

Cheers: **Kahlua Especial**

The Sun-Herald, Sydney Metro and NSW country, Sections: News, travel and features

Sunday: **24th June**

Article writer: Winsor Dobbin

Just the two reviews:

Yalumba FDW [7c] Chardonnay

Starvedog Lane 2005 Ibrido.

The Sunday Times (Perth/WA) Section: STM (Sunday Times Magazine)

Sunday: **24th June**

Article writer: Peter Forrestal

**Peter tastes the Houghton line up and is impressed. Also reviewed:
2006 St Clair Sav/Blanc
2006 Millbrook Viognier
2004 Majella Merlot**

The Sunday Herald Sun (Vic) Sunday Telegraph (NSW), Section: Magazine

Sunday: **25th June**

Article writer: Matt Skinner

Two reviews

**Hardy's Oomoo Grenache/Shiraz/Mourvedre 2005
S.C. Pannell Grenache 2004**

The Sunday Age in Victoria, Sun-Herald in NSW Section: Sunday Life Magazine

Sunday: **25th June**

Article writer: Sally Gudgeon

Fortified wine

D'Arenberg Fortified Shiraz 2003
Seppelt Rutherglen Tokay DP37
Stanton & Killeen Classic Muscat

The Sunday Canberra Times, Section: Relax

Sunday: **17th June arrived after last week's publication**

Article writer: Chris Shanahan

**Chris reviews a range from Philip Shaw's Orange Vineyard, a couple of Henschke wines
and Lindemans Bin 50 Shiraz 2006**

The Sunday Canberra Times, Section: Relax

Sunday: **24th June**

Article writer: Chris Shanahan

Wines from Lerida Estate, Henschke and Clos Pierre reviewed.

The Sunday Tasmanian, Section: Sunday

Sunday: **24th June**

Article writer: Graeme Phillips

Bottles are the symbol, 1 = OK, 2 = Good, 3 = Very Good, 4 = Excellent, 5 = Fabulous
There is also a broken bottle (BB) on occasions, no rating but presume less than OK

Assorted whites reviewed

Tatachilla 2006 'Growers' Sem/Sav 2006 [3]
Yarra Burn 'Third Light' 2006 Sav/Blanc [1]
Watershed 2006 Sav/Sem [3]
Hugh Hamilton 'The Long Cannon' 2006 Viognier [4]
Yalumba 2006 Viognier [3]
Pirie South 2006 'Estelle' [3]

The Sunday Telegraph NSW, Section: Food & Wine

Sunday: **24th June**

Article writer: John Fordham

Article on Elderton Wines from the Barossa, in the review section:

Katnook Estate 2006 Sav/Blanc
Henschke 2006 'Louis' Semillon
2003 De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate Cab/Sav

Monthly Magazines released this week:

The Key Review (issue 6) www.ferment.com.au is out; wines reviewed by Tony Keys and Felicity Carter:

Tulloch Pokolbin Dry Red Shiraz 2005
Mount Pleasant 'Maurice O'Shea Shiraz 04

Wines reviewed by Tony Keys:

Angove's Long Row Sauvignon Blanc 07
Angove's Long Row Chardonnay 2006
Angove's Long Row Shiraz 2005
Angove's Long Row Cab/Sav 2005
Chalkers Crossing Hilltops Merlot 2004
Chalkers Crossing Tumbarumba Pinot Noir 04
Chalkers Crossing Tumbarumba Sav/Blanc 06
d'Arenberg 'The Sticks and Stones' 2004
d'Arenberg 'The Galvo Garage' 2004,
d'Arenberg 'The Derelict Vineyard' 2004
d'Arenberg 'The Last Ditch' Viognier 2006
d'Arenberg 'The Money Spider' Roussanne 06
Delatite Riesling 2006
Delatite Sylvia Riesling 2006
Delatite Sauvignon Blanc 2006
Delatite Pinot Gris 2006

Delatite 'Dead Man's Hill' 2006
Margan Shiraz 2005
Margan Merlot 2005
Margan Barbera 2005
Margan Limited Release Shiraz 2005
Margan Limited Release Shiraz Mourvedre 2005
Margan Limited Release Cab/Merlot 2005
Nugan Estate 'Frasca's Lane Vineyard' Sav/Blanc 06
Nugan Estate 'Frasca's Lane Vineyard' Chardonnay 05
Nugan Estate Cookkoothama Riesling 2006
Nugan Estate Cookkoothama Shiraz 2005
Nugan Estate Cookkoothama Basket Press Merlot 2004
Nugan Estate Cookkoothama Cabernet Merlot 2004
Oatley Wines Wild Oats Sauvignon/Semillon 2006
Oatley Wines Wild Oats Cabernet/Merlot Rosé 2006
Oatley Wines Wild Oats Pinot Grigio 2006
Oatley Wines Wild Oats Cabernet Merlot 2005
Oatley Wines Robert Oatley Shiraz Viognier 2005
Oatley Wines Robert Oatley Chardonnay 2006
Paradigm Hill 'L'ami sage' Pinot Noir 2005.
Paradigm Hill 'Col's Block' Shiraz 2005
Paradigm Hill Riesling 2006
2002 Penfolds Grange
2004 Penfolds Yattarna Chardonnay
2004 Penfolds RWT Barossa Valley Shiraz
2004 Penfolds Magill Estate Shiraz
2004 Penfolds Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon
Taylors Riesling 2006
Taylors Gewurztraminer 2006
Taylors Sauvignon Blanc 2006
Taylors Jaraman Chardonnay 2005
Taylors Jaraman Shiraz 2004
Taylors Jaraman Cabernet Sauvignon 2004
Tulloch 'Julia' Semillon 2005
Wirra Wirra Scrubby Rise Chardonnay 2006
Wirra Wirra Scrubby Rise 06 Shiraz/Cabernet/Petit Verdot
Wirra Wirra 05 Church Block Cabernet Shiraz Merlot
Woolworths 2006 First Harvest Organics Shiraz

Gourmet Traveller July Issue

Max Allen writes about the 2007 Pinot Noir Conference in New Zealand moving on to NZ Pinot Noir. 'Best from the hills' says Max.

2004 Bell Hill 'Pinot Noir, North Canterbury
2005 Pyramid Valley 'Lebecca' Riesling Marlborough

Six wine in the 'Top Drops of the Month' section

2006 Torzi Matthews 'Schist Rock' Shiraz
2002 Brothers in Arms Shiraz
2005 Ngeringa Syrah
2005 Te Marta Coleraine
2005 'Kid you not' Viognier
2007 Dos Rios Moscato Giallo

The July issue of Delicious is out including an article by Ben Canaider on liqueurs
