2004 Penley Estate
Coonawarra Chardonnay, A\$22
The most impressive chardonnay from Penley to date. Bright, youthful colour and aroma, showing complex barrel ferment and nutty sur lie characters and a touch of roast hazelnut. Subtly complex and rich. Some controlled phenolics add punch. Ready now. 12



91205 Port Phillip
Estate Sauvignon Blanc,
Mornington Peninsula, A\$22
A very aromatic wine, with a lifted passionfruit nose and hints of barrel fermentation lending complexity. It's smooth and rich, yet delicate and refined in the mouth and has an extra dimension over most savvies.



13.5% vol. Wine of Australia 750ml

92 ****
2005 Punt Road
Pinot Gris, Yarra Valley, A\$19
This is a bigger, richer style of
gris with some oak showing in
the bouquet, which is spicy, vanillin
and cedary. There's high-quality
fruit and the palate has refinement
and balance without evident
sweetness. Good intensity, drive
and persistence. 2



91****
2005 Scorpo
Pinot Gris, Mornington
Peninsula, A\$32
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The aroma's clean, subtle and fruity with almost gewürz-like spice.

There's a whisper of oak adding a subtle extra dimension. The texture is lovely: smooth and refined without obvious sweetness or acid sharpness. Great with antipasti. 1



91****
Chardonnay, McLaren Vale, A\$15
This eye-opening newbie is a very good wine: restrained, developing gracefully, with lemon, fig, cashew and toast aromas. The structure is soft, rich and slightly broad, perhaps lacking the finesse of its cool-climate cousins but with plenty of flavour and character.



91****
Tractor Pinot Gris, Mornington
Peninsula, A\$30

This is a very intense but charming wine, made complex by judicious use of oak, and nicely balanced despite the stated 14.5 per cent alcohol. Dry-grass and spice aromas and a dry, lingering finish. Great with seafood risotto. 12



912005 Jones Road
Somerbury Estate
Sauvignon Blanc,
Mornington Peninsula, A\$19
A deeper, more complex savvy than
most of its kind, with a suggestion
of barrel fermentation adding
richness and roundness and some
nutty aromas. It's finely textured
and has a lingering aftertaste. \$\delta 2+\$



905 ****
Mill Sauvignon Blanc,
Adelaide Hills, A\$18
Dry-twig, crushed-leaf and
capsicum aromas are hi-fi varietal
sauvignon blanc, and some
gooseberry chimes in on the palate.
It's pungent, intense and lively but
maintains an agreeable softness
overall, finishing clean and dry. 12



905 Penmara Sauvignon
Blanc, Orange, A\$15.95
The nose is varietal, with cut-radish, capsicum herbaceous notes and a dusty pungency. The taste is soft and smooth, with a touch of richness perhaps due to a kiss of oak. It maintains its essential delicacy and tang, finishing clean and dry. Very well balanced.



90 2004 Centennial
Vineyards Reserve Chardonnay,
Southern Highlands, A\$27
This is a stylish chardonnay:
clean and fresh, with aromas of
stone fruits and citrus, fruit to
the fore and deftly handled oak
in the background. There's a
suspicion of sweetness on palate,
but it has good fruit and balance.

