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### Scorpo Aubaine Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay

Vintage 2006 RRP \$31.00

**TS:** The genius of winemaker Sandro Moselle is fast permeating beyond the walls of Kooyong, and his fingerprints are all over the Scorpo range. Aubaine is benchmark Mornington Chardonnay, swimming in complexity and demanding time and concentration to fully reveal itself.

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### Chapel Hill McLaren Vale Chardonnay

Vintage 2006 RRP \$22.00

**TS:** Put aside every warm climate Chardonnay prejudice you have imagined; the youthful and chiselled hull of Michael Fragos' latest rendition is proof that McLaren Vale can hit the Chardonnay high notes. Give it six months to flesh out and then let it slide up to fish or chicken main courses.

winery@chapelhillwine.com.au

### Lenton Brae Chardonnay

Vintage 2005 RRP \$40.00

**NS:** Recently celebrating a milestone, Lenton Brae's whites are being pushed to the refined, elegant end of the pool. Ripe stone fruits and figs, this splices together ripe flavour and texture with lines of bracing acidity.

et@lentonbrae.com



### Woodlands Chloe Reserve Chardonnay

Vintage 2005 RRP \$55.00

**NS:** With some choice Margaret River vineyards to draw on, Woodlands have some top quality material at their disposal. This is a rich, ripe Chardonnay, offering impressive richness and concentrated flavours.

mail@woodlandswines.com



### Pierro Chardonnay

Vintage 2005 RRP \$70.00

**NS:** The 2005 Pierro is a riper, richer wine in the Margaret River scheme of stunning Chardonnay things, ripe fig fruit here and some smooth, creamy nuances, forthright and richly textured.

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# Spinifex



## 2007 Spinifex Rosé

*"This is an absolute benchmark for Australian rosé and can mix it up with the world's best. This is delicious, sophisticated and refreshing. Musky rose petal flavours, fleshy, supple and very well balanced. A benchmark wine made with trademark Spinifex vision and talent. These guys are on fire!"*

Nick Stock, WBM100 December 2007

### Spinifex Barossa Valley Hand crafted, unique, regional wines

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## Riesling

**KT & The Falcon Riesling**

Vintage 2007 RRP \$35.00

**NS:** This single vineyard Watervale Riesling strikes the mark perfectly in a year when many have missed. Full of lively citrus fruit, expressive and pure Riesling fragrance, this shows scintillating purity and intensity. Smoothly honed, balanced, even and zesty.

ktandthefalcon@pacific.net.au

95  
points**Pewsey Vale Museum Reserve The Contours Riesling**

Vintage 2002 RRP \$26.00

**TS:** This is the perfect way to sneak an aged Riesling into your list. It's maturing brilliantly—not surprising for Pewsey Vale from the 'vintage of the gods'. A screwcap completes the perfect package. This just might be the greatest Contour release of all time.

mroutledge@yalumba.com

95  
points**Leo Buring Leopold Riesling**

Vintage 2007 RRP \$40.00

**NS:** A distinct contrast to the traditional Leonay wines, Leopold is all about pushing the envelope with a European-inspired approach. Tassie fruit, savoury, soulful and crackling with freshness. Terrific texture and rich intensity. Works a treat!

ildi.ireland@fostersgroup.com

94  
points**Mount Horrocks Watervale Riesling**

Vintage 2007 RRP \$28.00

**TS:** I adore Mount Horrocks Riesling for its firm, steely, masculine acidity and grippy, chalky structure, contrasting with its feather-light perfume of fresh lemon blossom and lime juice. The '07 delivers it all, guaranteeing a white-knuckle ride now or a mellow cruise if you can wait a decade or two.

sales@mounthorrocks.com

94  
points**Henschke Green's Hill Riesling**

Vintage 2007 RRP \$27.00

**NS:** Sourced from the cool, elevated Lenswood area of the Adelaide Hills, this has a fine precise nose, sweet lime blossom, mixed citrus fruits and florals. Leaves traces of crisp apple flavour in the mouth and fine direct acidity.

henschke.com.au

92  
points**Leo Buring Clare Valley Riesling**

Vintage 2007 RRP \$19.00

**TS:** Every year there's a battle for supremacy between Leo's Clare and Eden Rieslings, and this year the very authentic Clare rendition has trumped it. Unbelievably apologetic for its unnervingly dry, lean palate, you need to be prepared for an attack of acidity. It's pure, clean and laser-aligned.

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92  
points**MadFish Western Australia Riesling**

Vintage 2007 RRP \$17.00

**TS:** Always a classic in the VFM Riesling stakes, and just wait until you taste the 07! It's got it all: Zesty lemon, lively lime and fresh stone fruits, structured with fine acidity which streams out long into the finish. This is the perfect house wine for summer.

melinda@hpw.com.au

92  
points

## Other White

**Scorpo Wines Merricks North Pinot Gris**

Vintage 2006 RRP \$32.00

**TS:** This is, singularly, the best Australian Pinot Gris I have ever tasted. It is absolutely pure, perfumed and precise in every nuance. Impeccably balanced, structured and persistent. Sandro Moselle has worked pure magic with this fruit from a vineyard of just three-quarters of a hectare.

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96  
points