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Jeni tackles the often debated subject of Zinfandel/Primitivo and reviews:

Olssen Blass 'Hill Vineyard' Primitivo Kangarilla Rd 2006 Primitivo Laver Cake 2006 Primitivo Lowe Family Vineyard 2006 Zinfandel Kangarilla Rd 2006 'Black St Peter' Zinfandel Seghesio 2006 Home Ranch Zinfandel

Jeni also picks the bargain Bin: 2005 Silk Hill Pinot Noir

Uncorked is a section of seven wine reviews (normally) by Ralph Kyte-Powell who uses a rating of stars for quality 3 to 5 with ½ (.5) as well and \$ symbols for value he explains 'Wines are scored similarly as in wine shows, but instead of scoring out of 20, they are rated on a 5-star scale, 5 being roughly equivalent to a gold medal(Superb wine, a classic example of its type) 4.5 a high silver, (First class wine) 4 silver, (very good wine) 3.5 a high bronze, (good Quality) and 3 a bronze (sound). Anything below 3 out of 5 doesn't pass muster, while anything scoring 3 stars or more is considered worthy of inclusion. Value is \$\$\$ A wine with a price tag that makes it a steal. \$\$ Reasonably priced \$ A price that stretches things.

Wine of the week:

Domaine Les Pallieres Gigondas 2005 [4.5-2]

Under \$18:

West Cape Howe Cabernet Merlot 2006 [4-3]

Alkoomi Sem/Sav 2007 [4.5-3]

\$18-\$30:

McIvor Estate Marsanne/Roussanne 2006 [4.5-2] Kirrihill 'Single Vineyard Shiraz Baile An Gharrai' 2006 [4.5-3]

Indulge Yourself:

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Scorpo Chardonnay 2006 [5-2]

D'Arenberg 'The Copper Mine Road' Cab/Sav 2005 [4.5-2]